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Tuesday, April 12
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Saturday, May 7
Sunday, May 8
Sunday, May 29
Monday, May 30
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Saturday, June 18
Thursday, June 30
Monday, July 4
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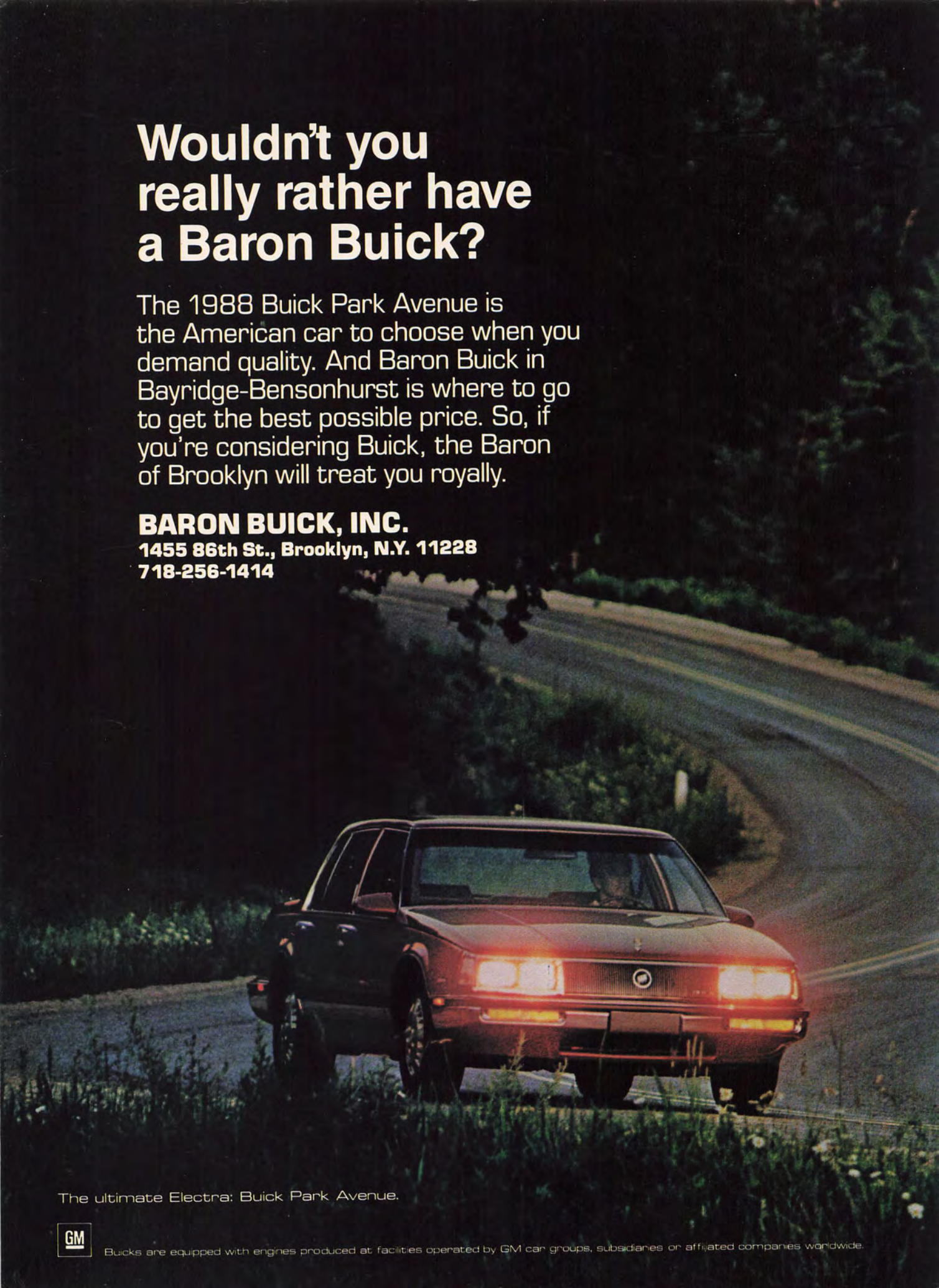
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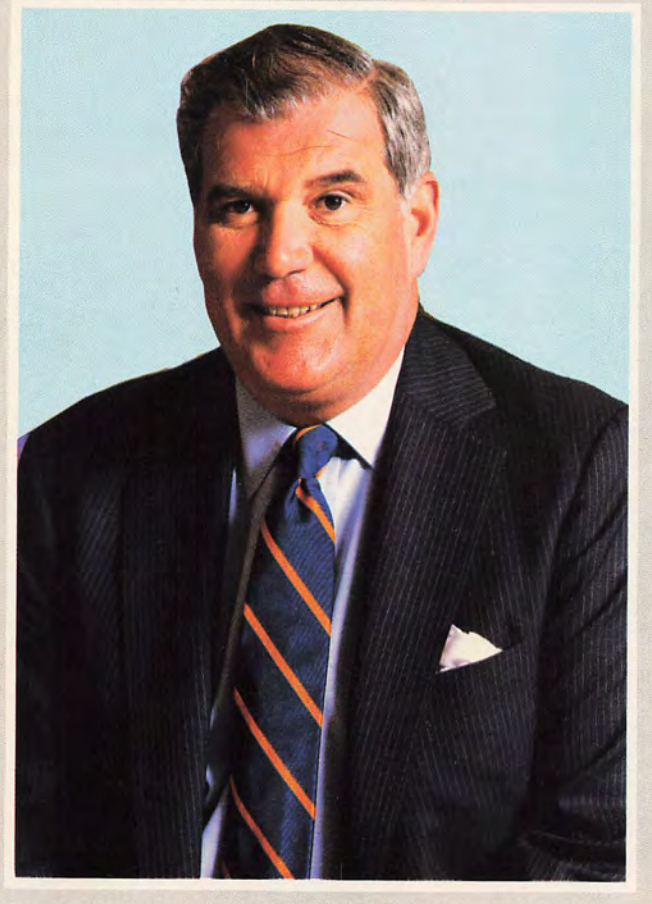

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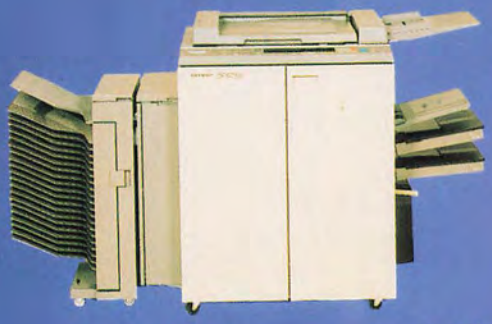
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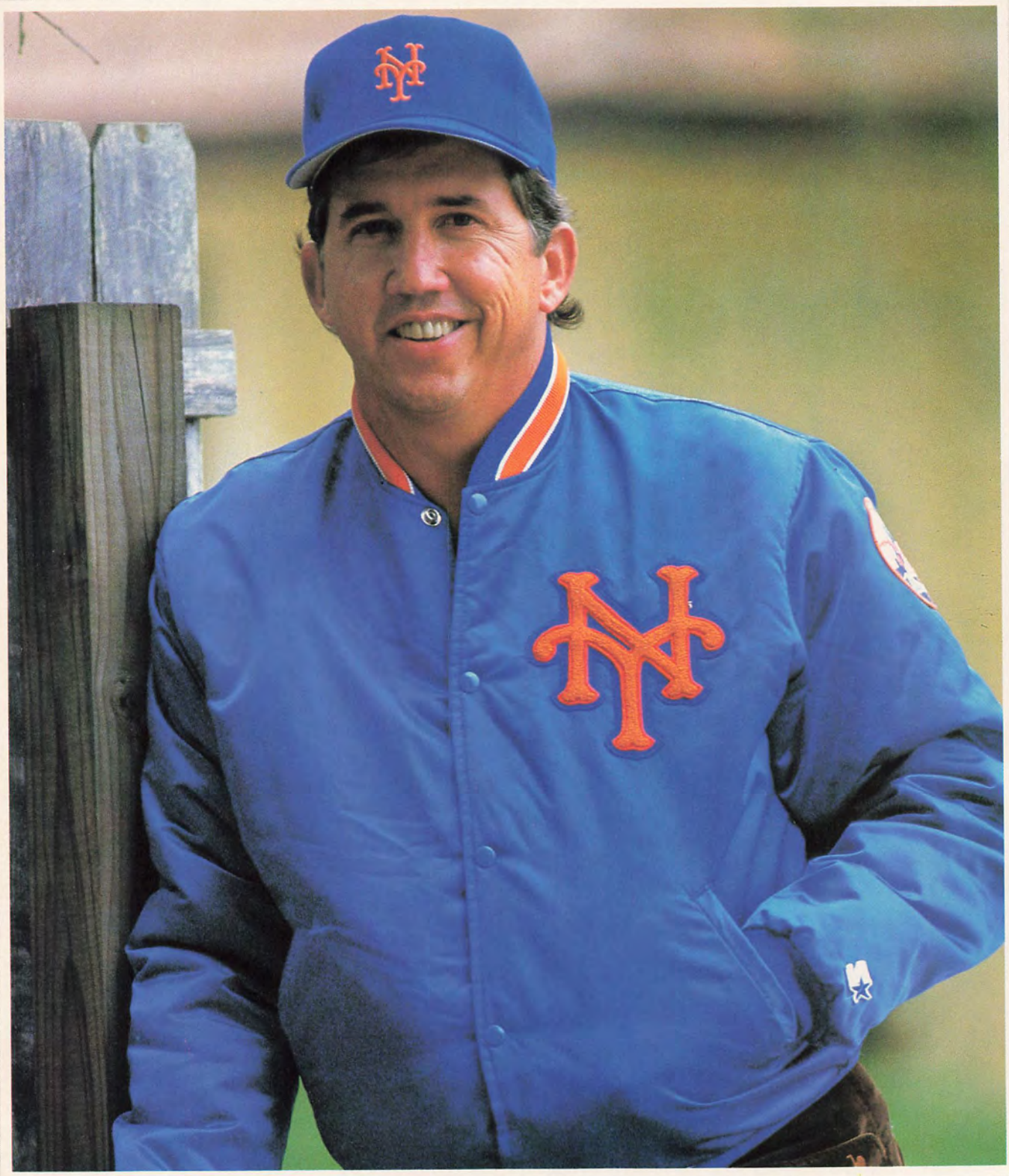

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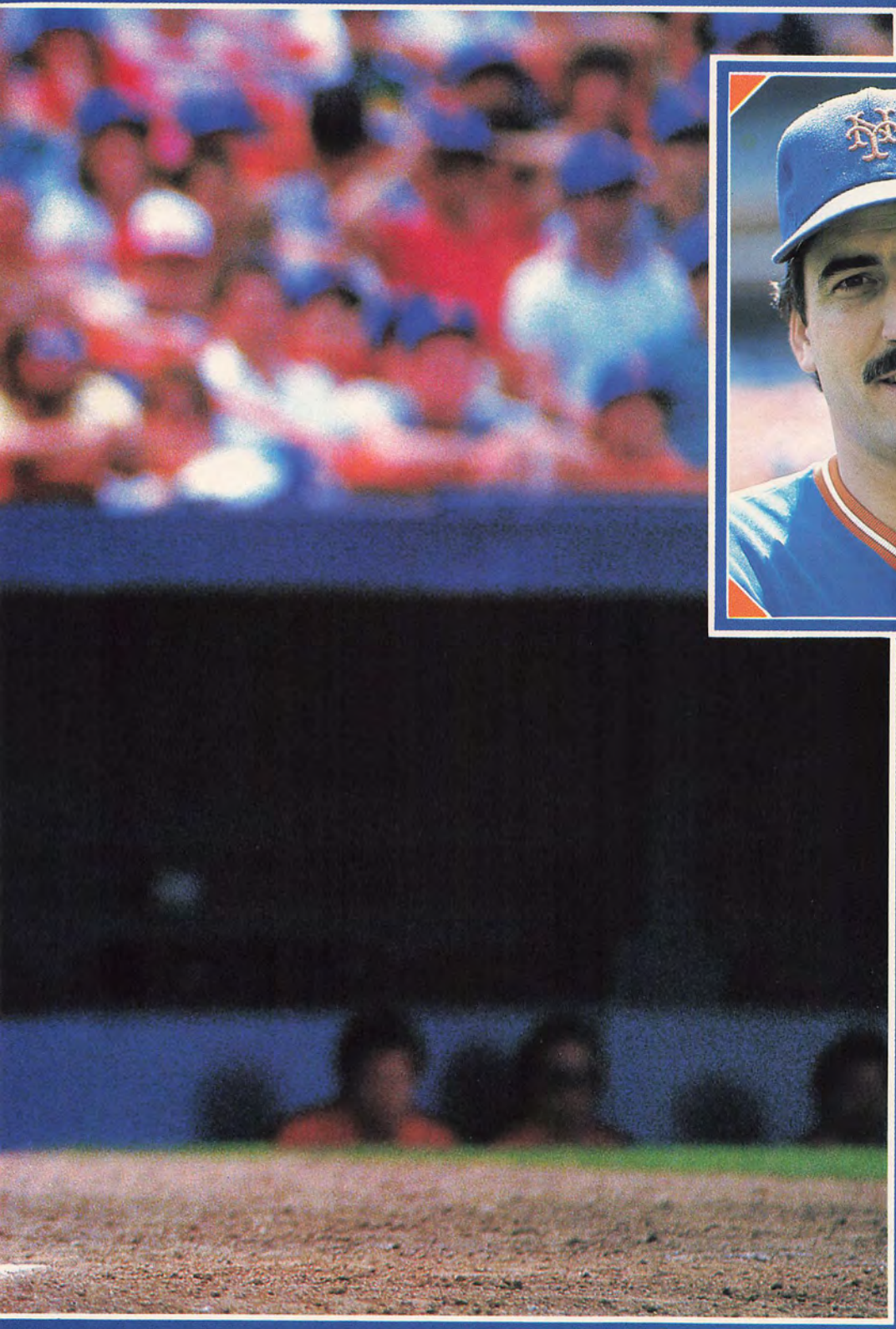

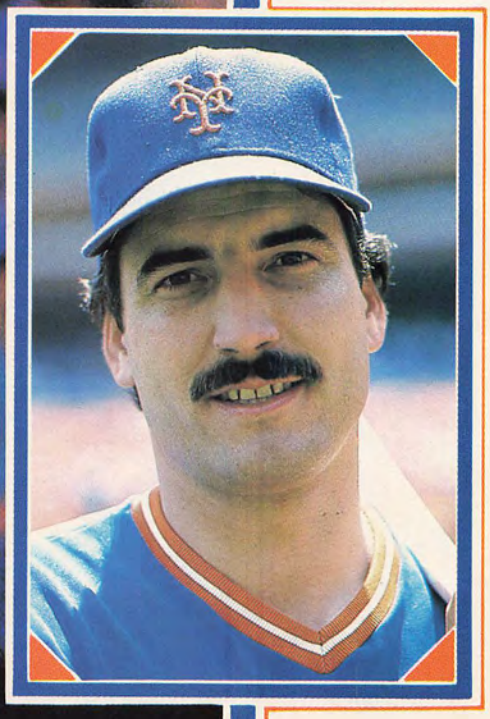

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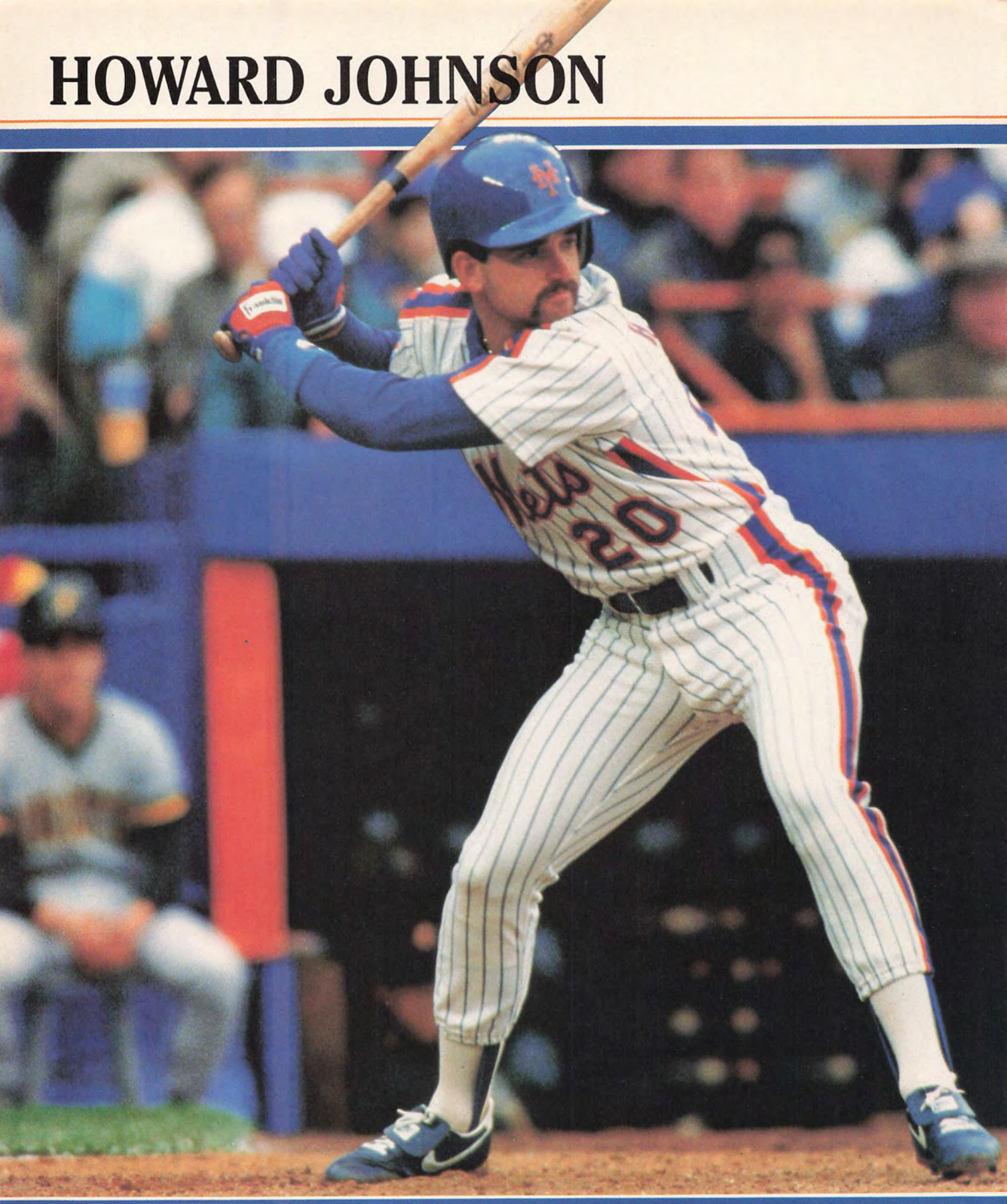

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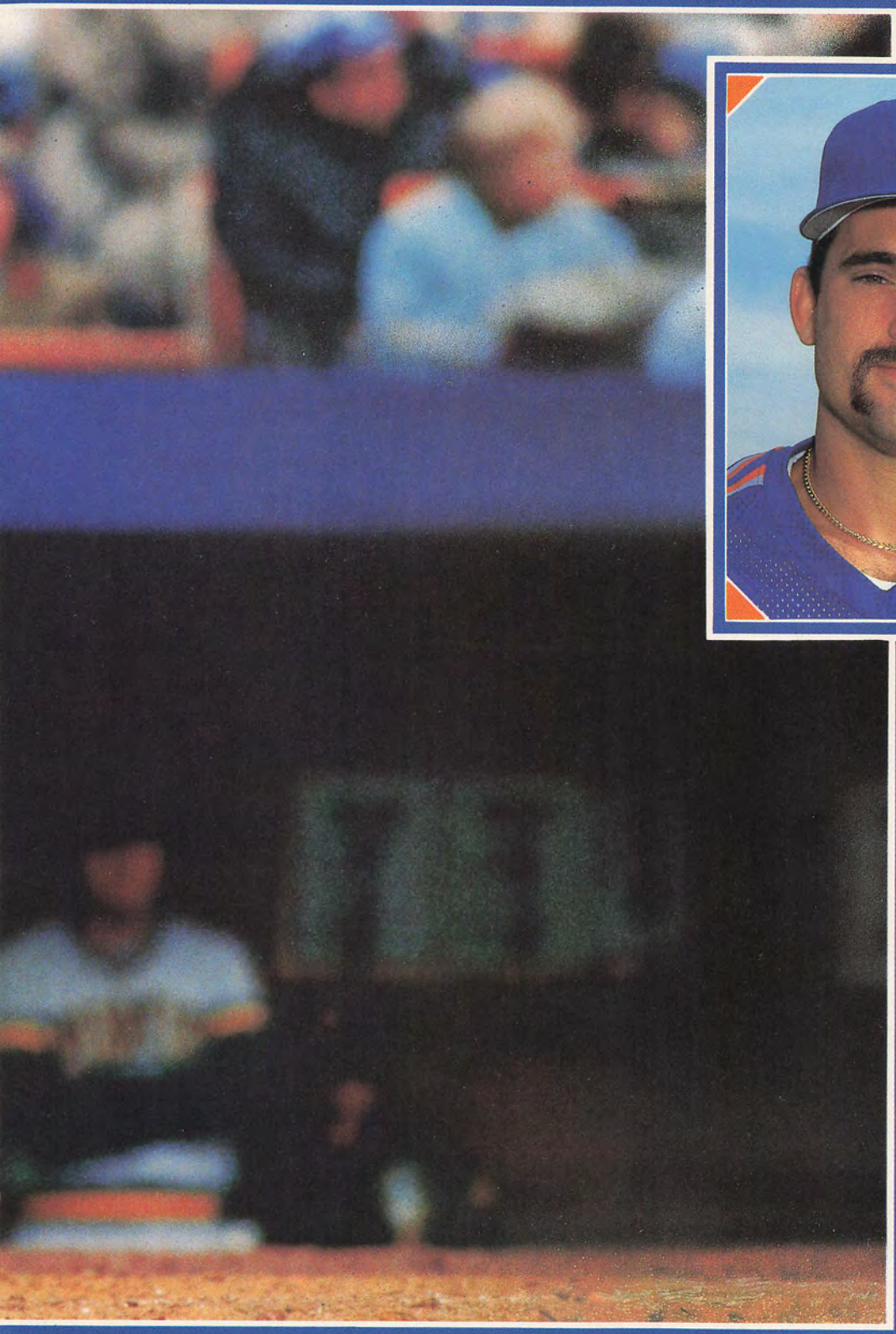

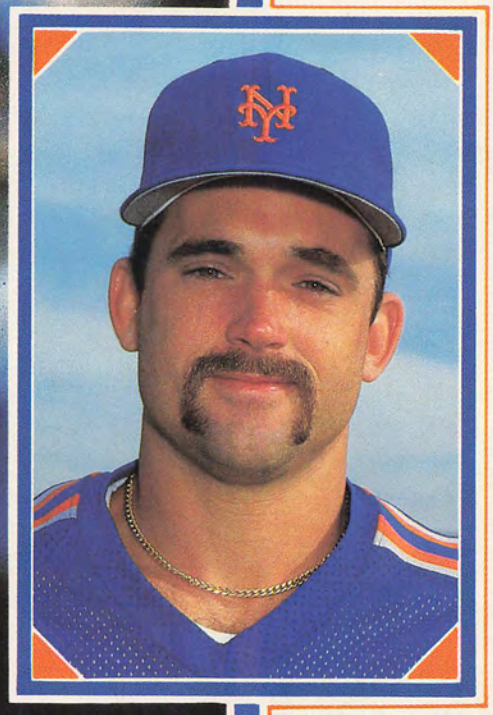

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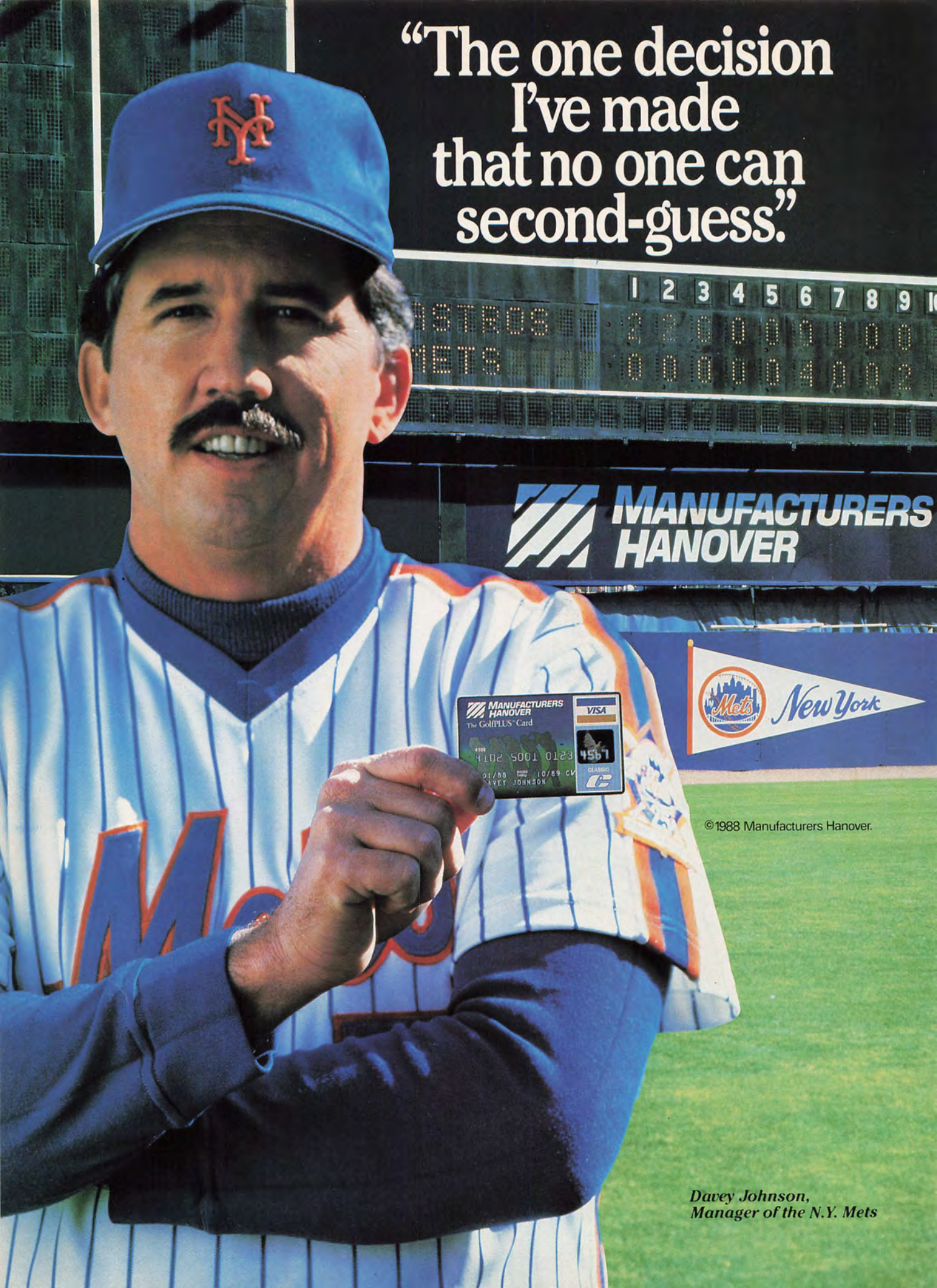
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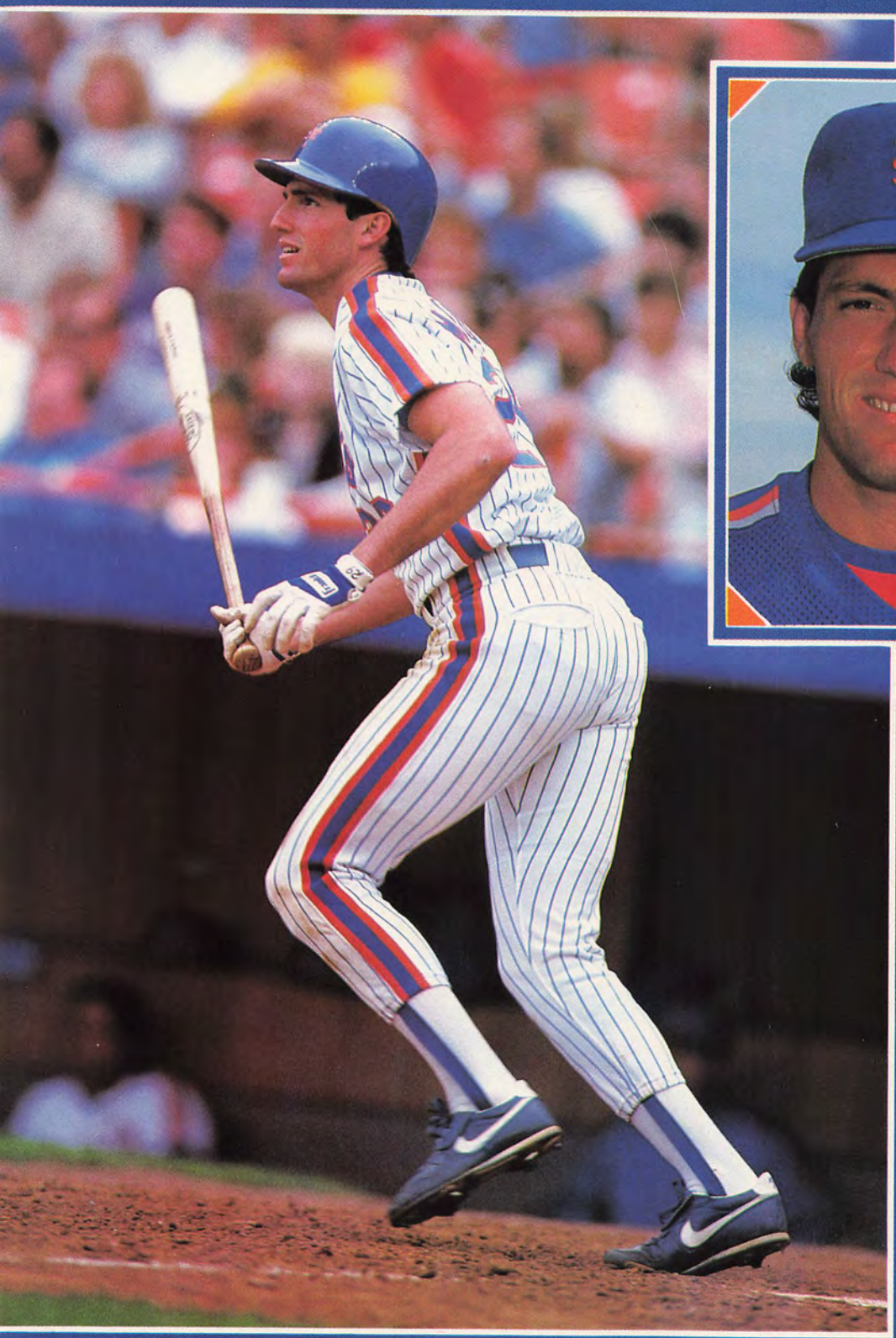

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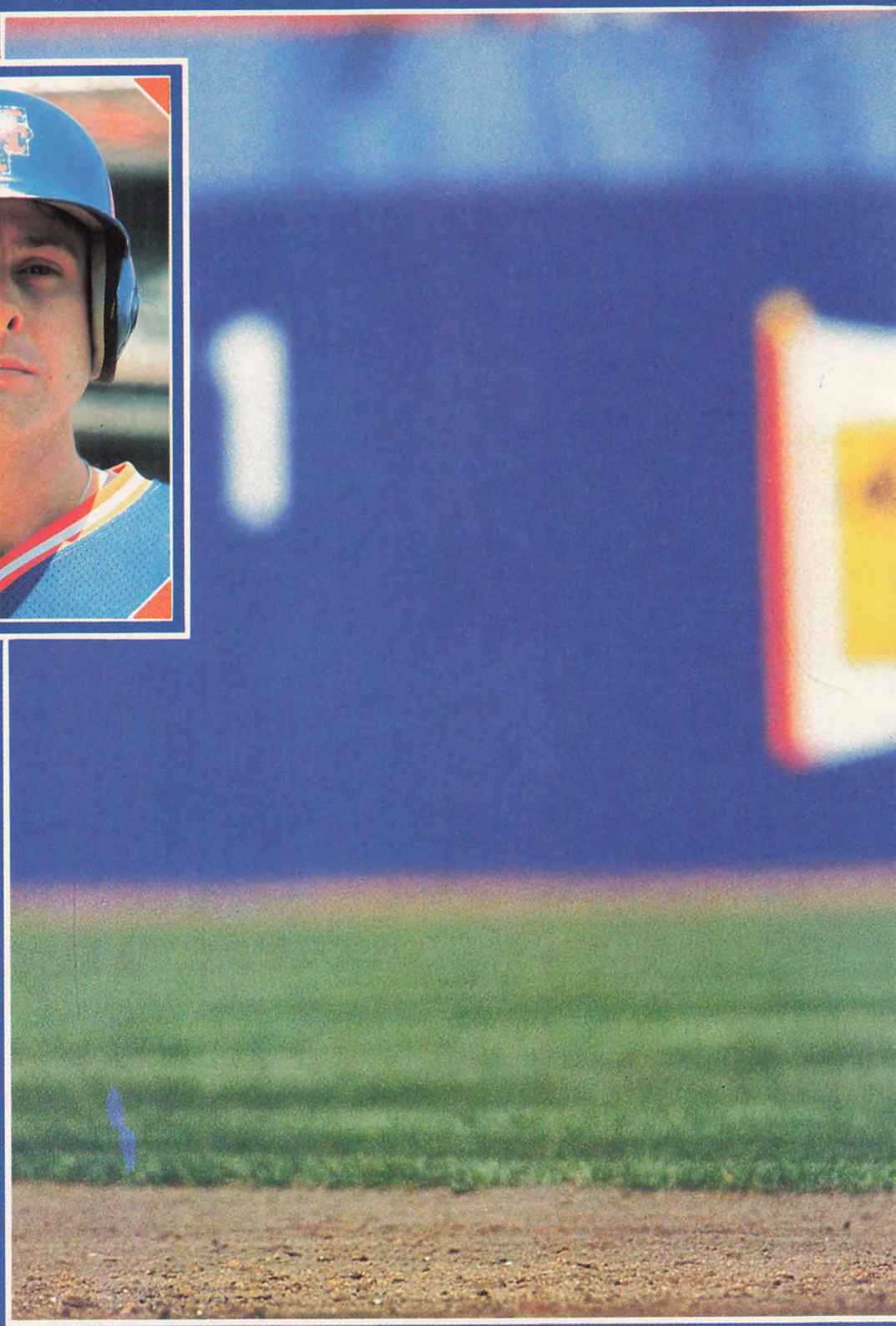

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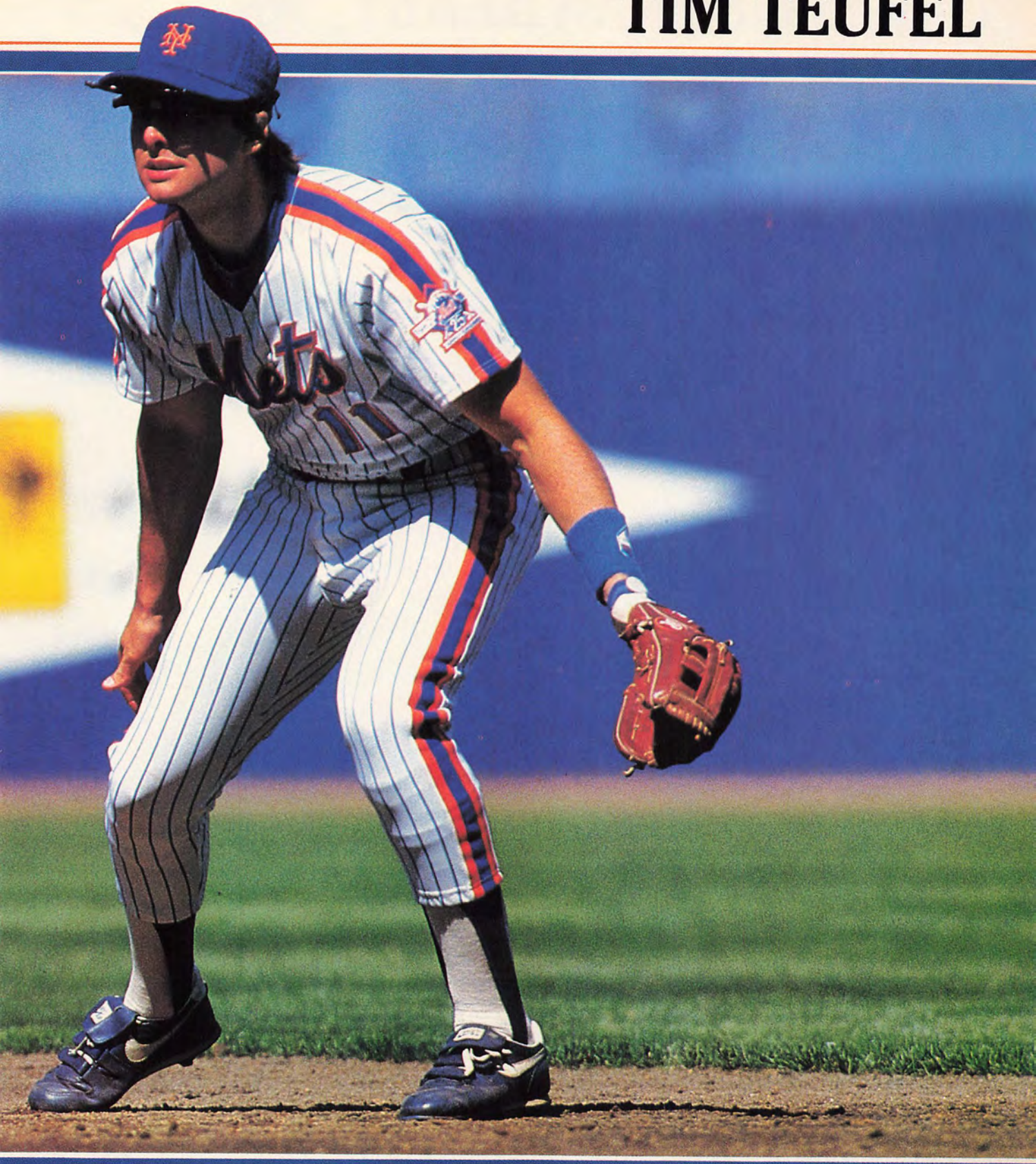

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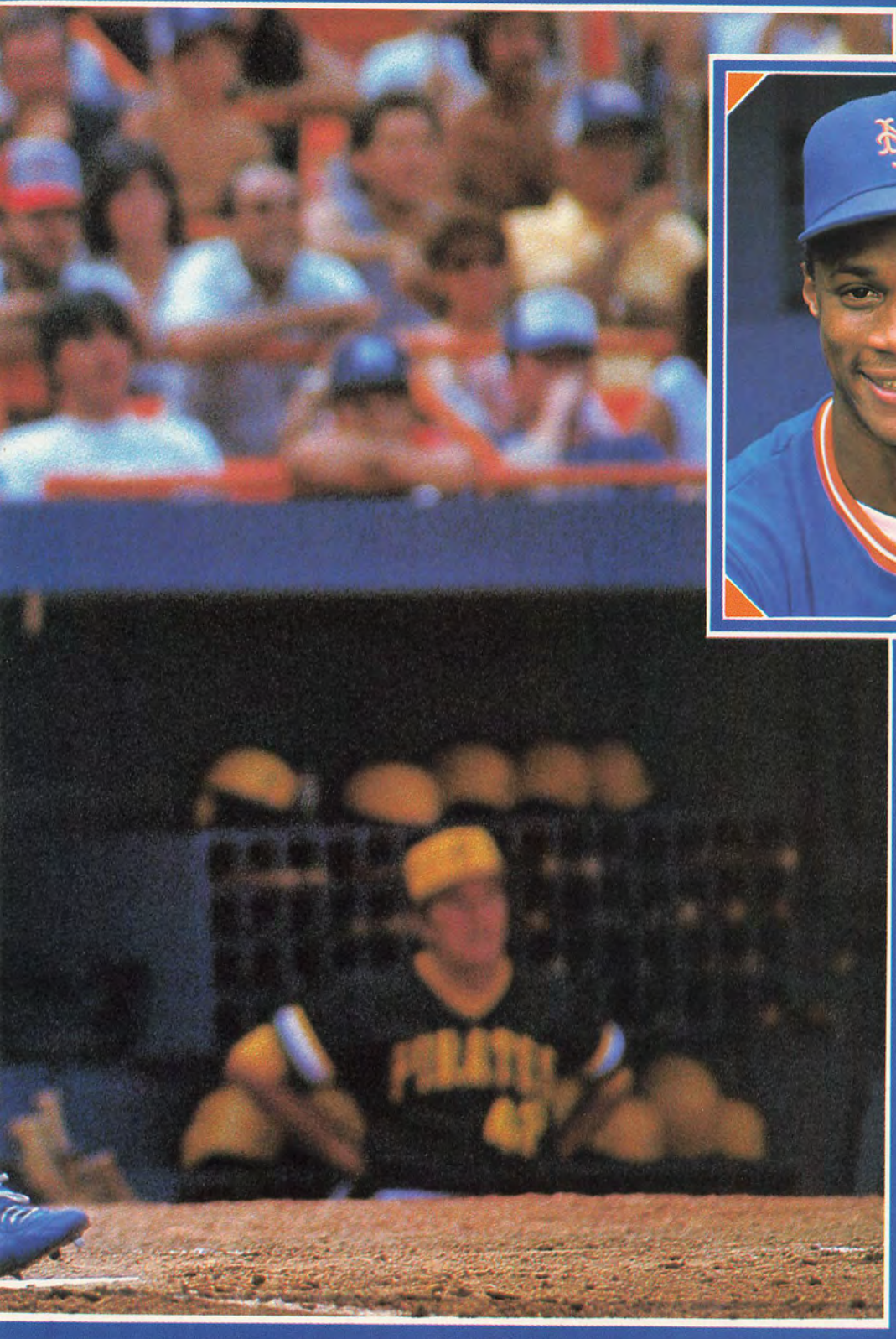

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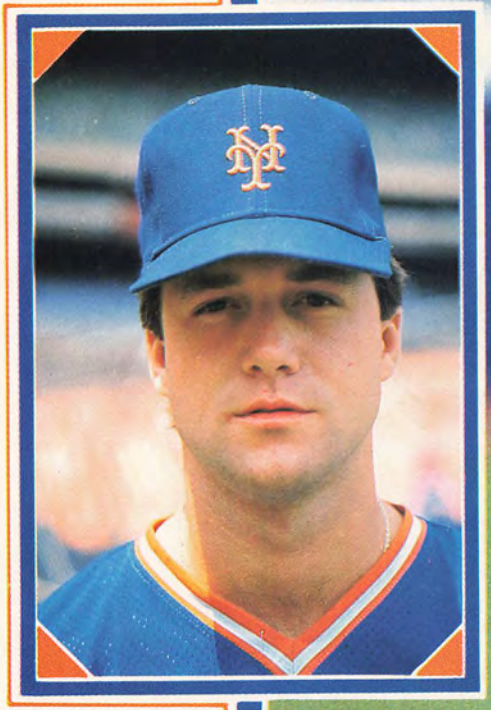

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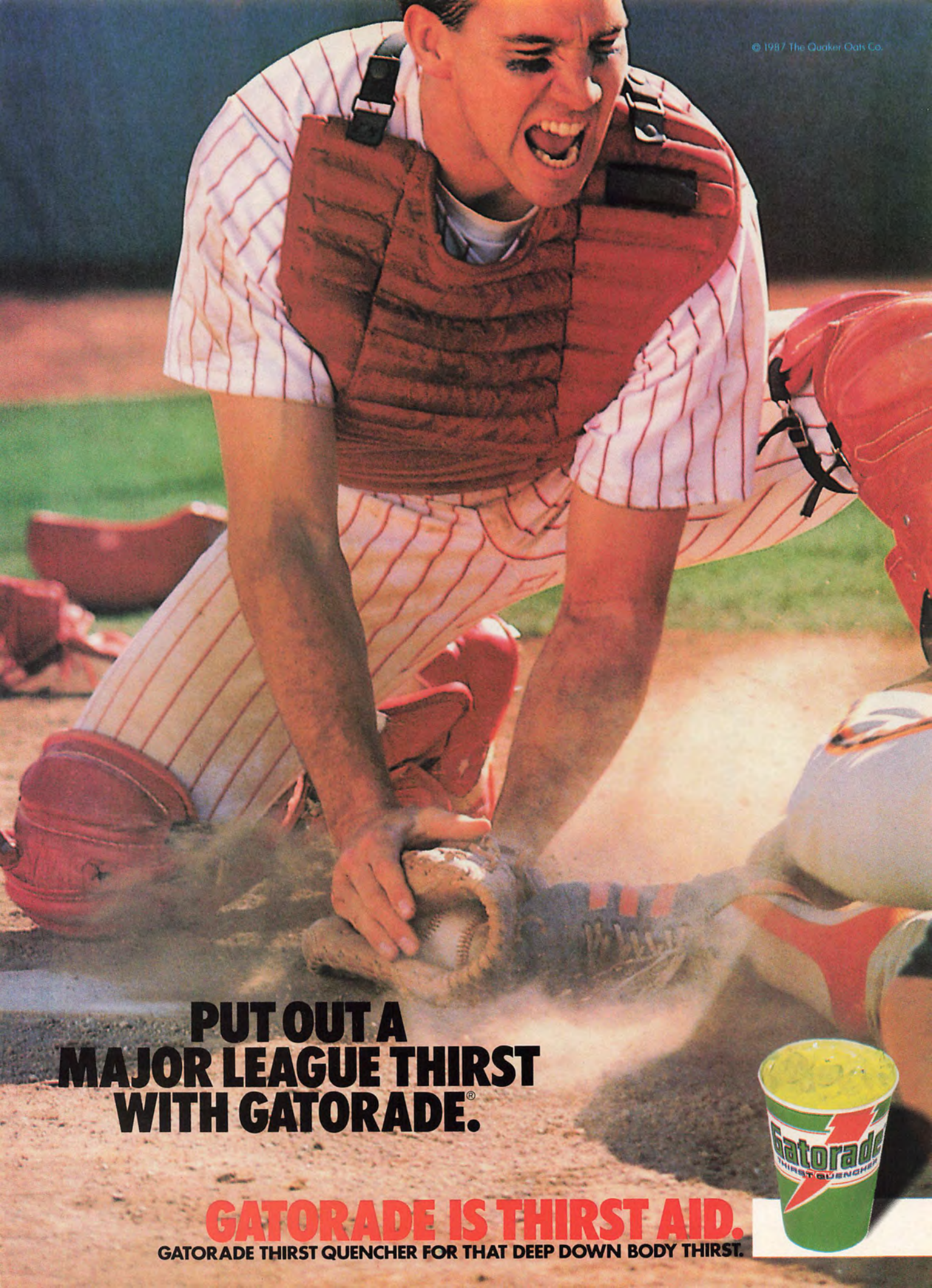

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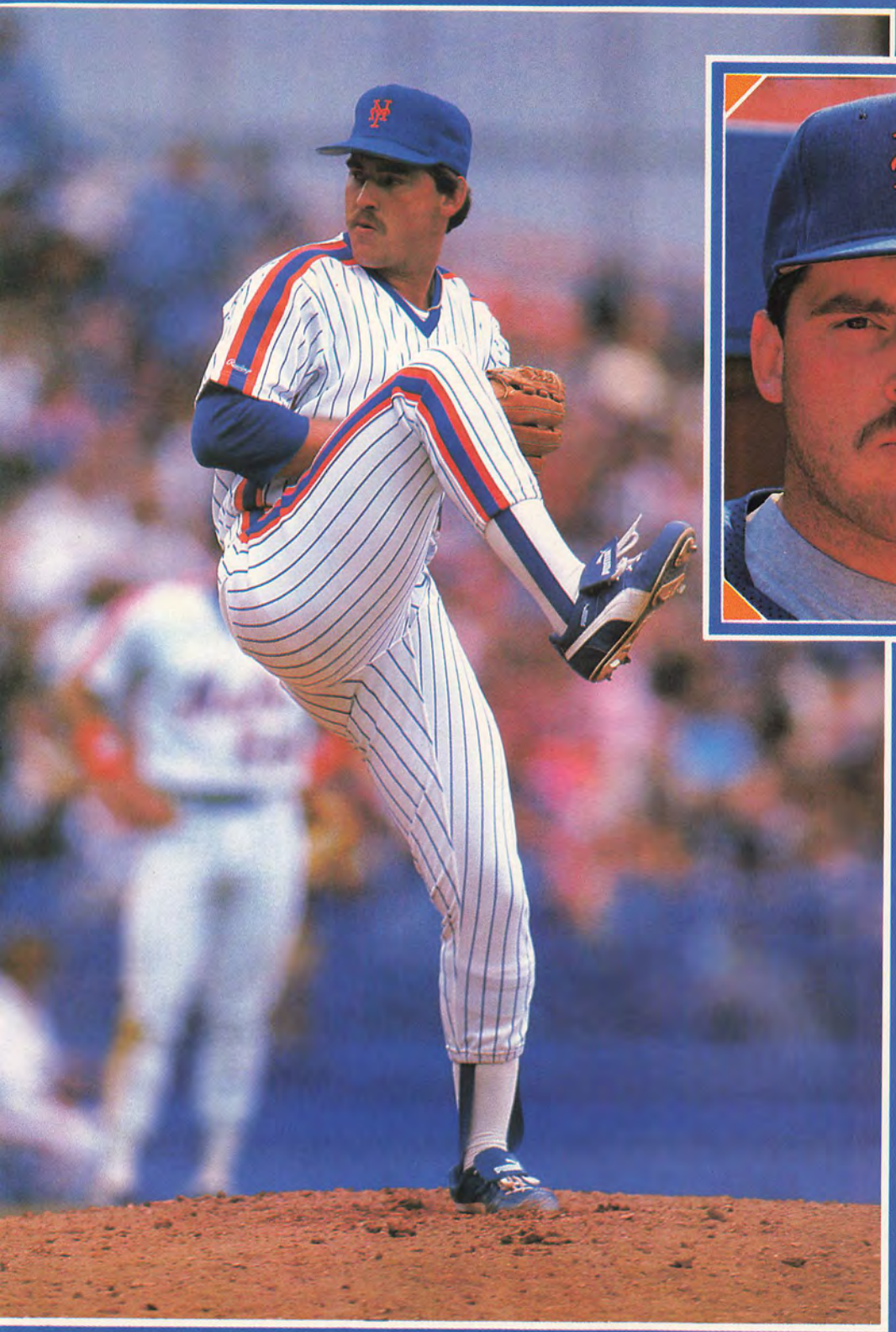

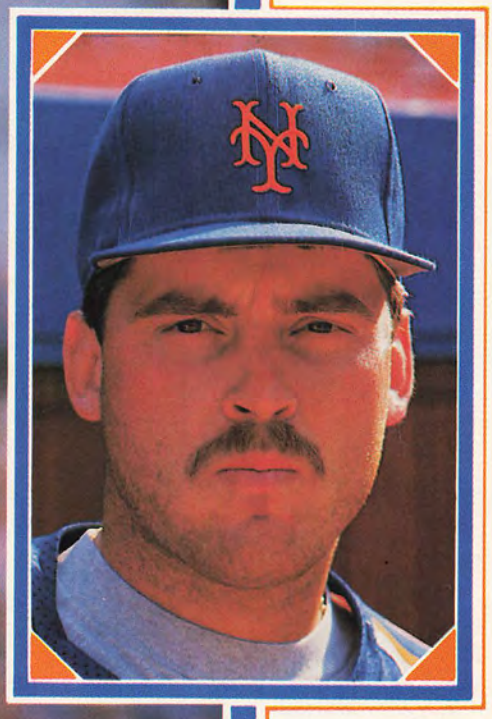

Born: September 19, 1962, Vancouver, WA. My most memorable career moment: "The home run I hit off Stottlemyre in BP over the bull pen." (during spring training)

Randy Myers

LENNY DYKSTRA

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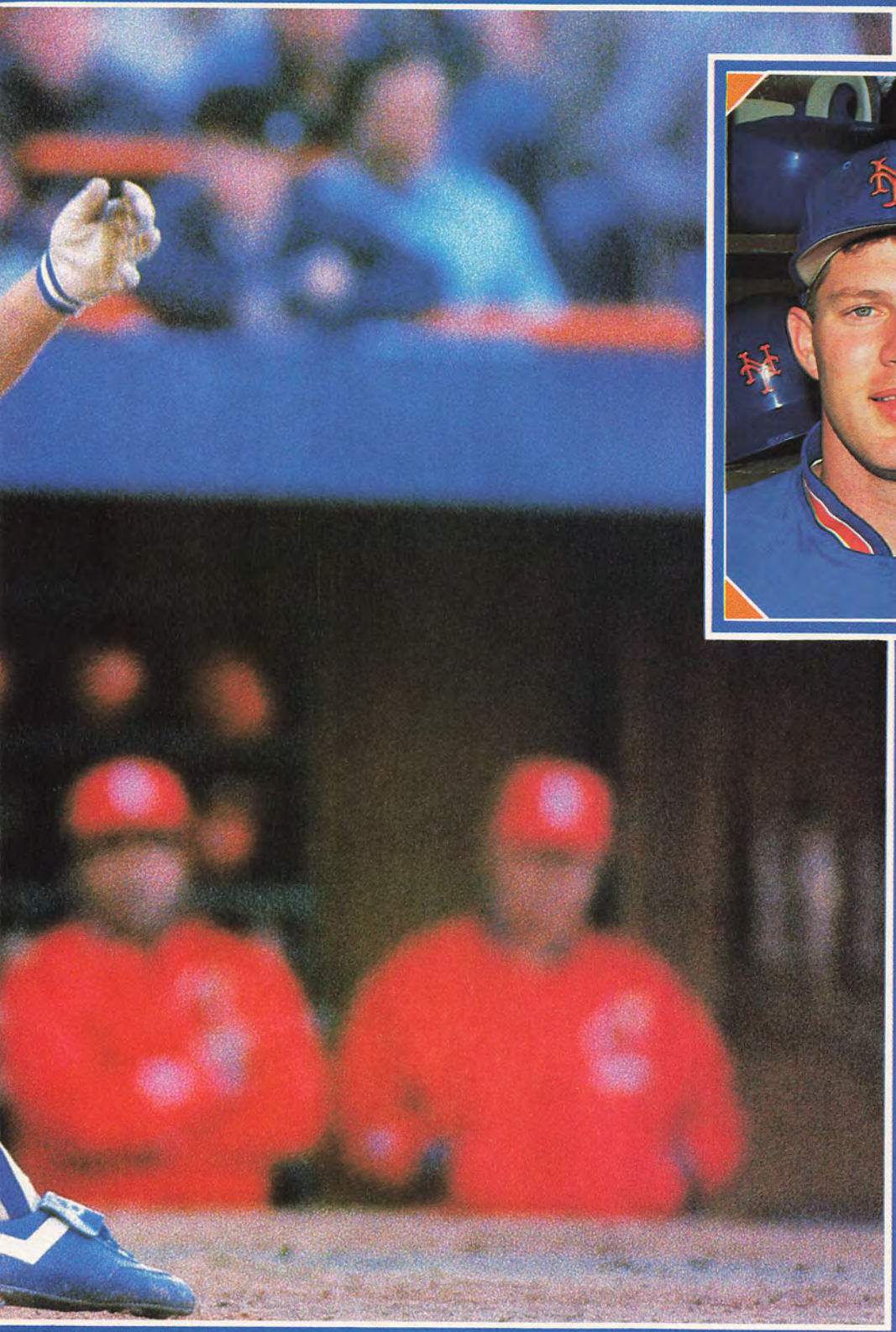

Lenny Dykstra

KEVIN McREYNOLDS

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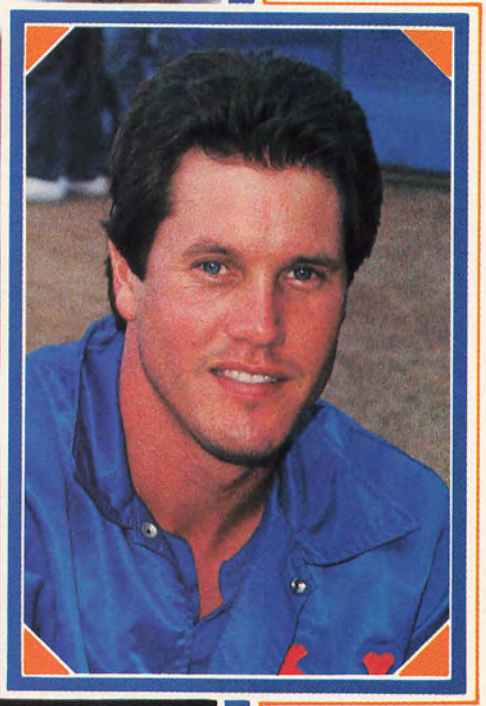

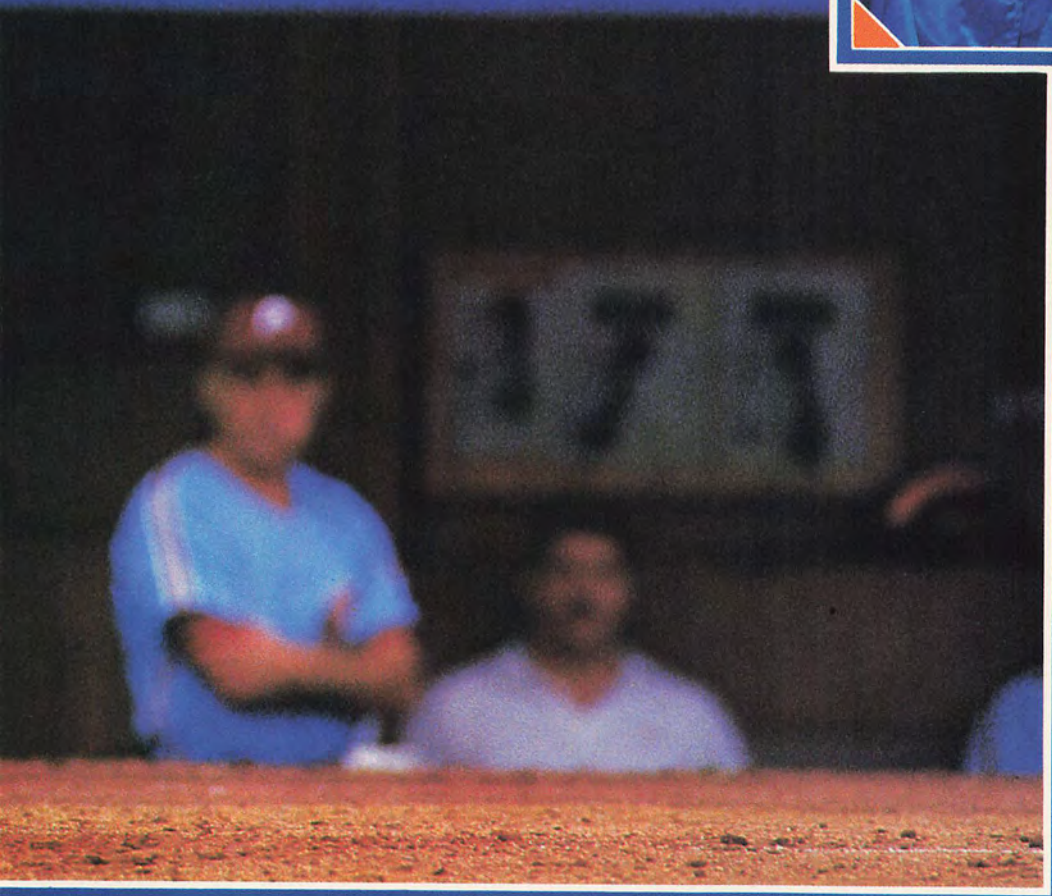

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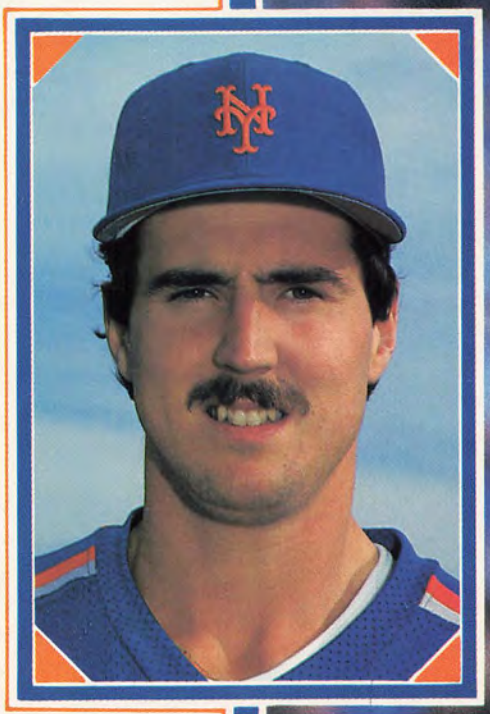

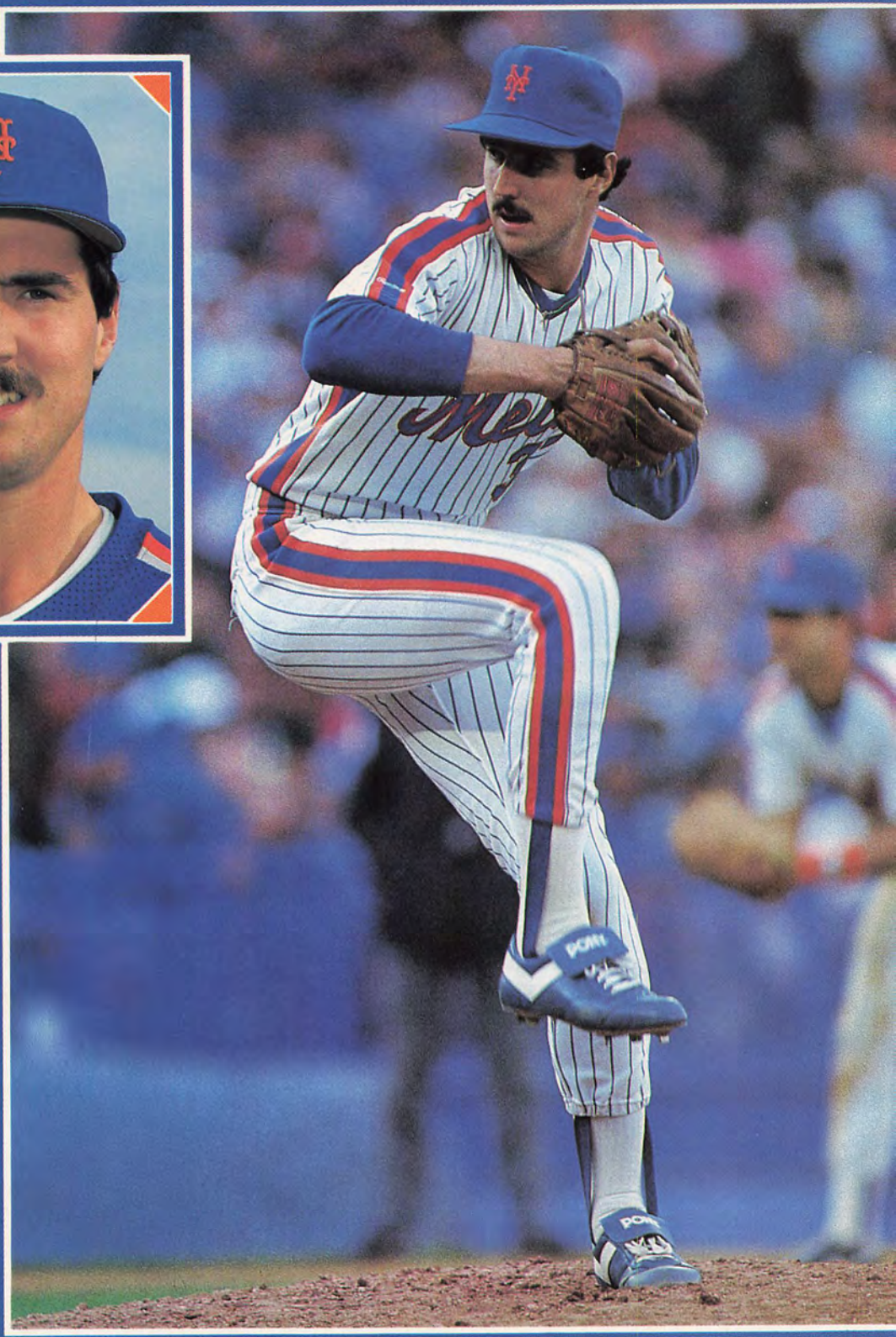

Born: November 22, 1960, Chicago, IL. My most memorable career moment: "My major league debut against Houston for my first save." (August 9, 1985—Houston at San Diego)

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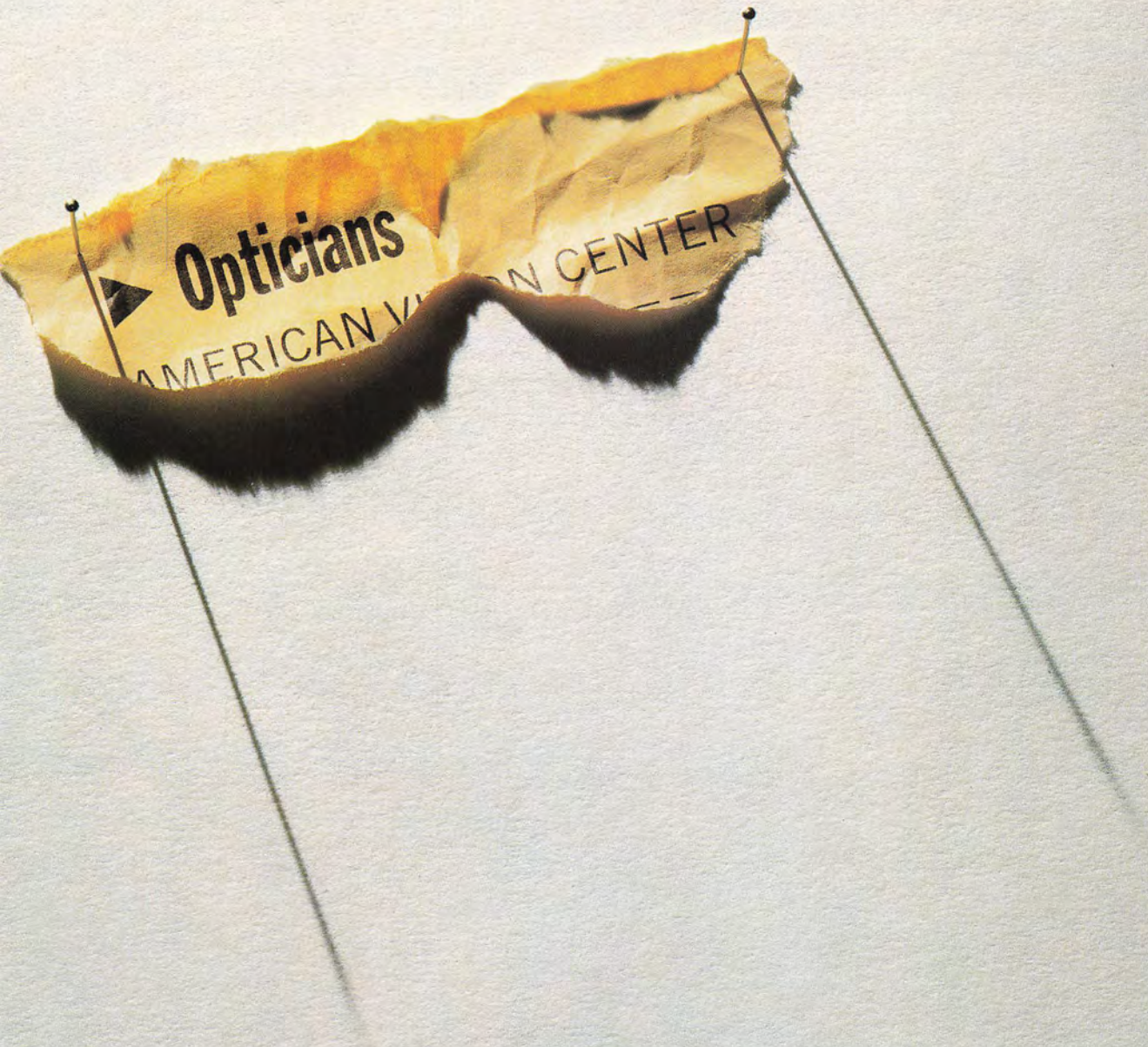

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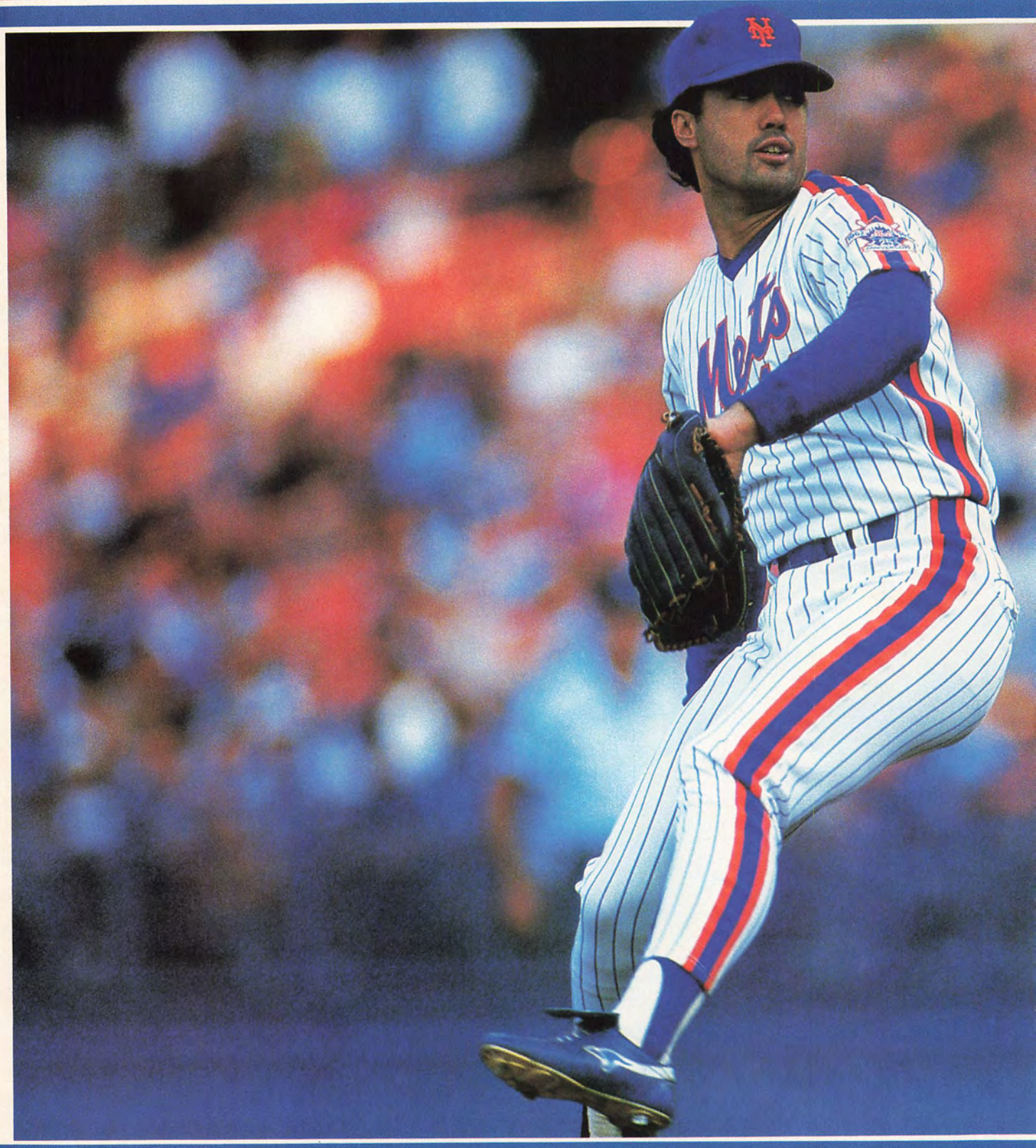

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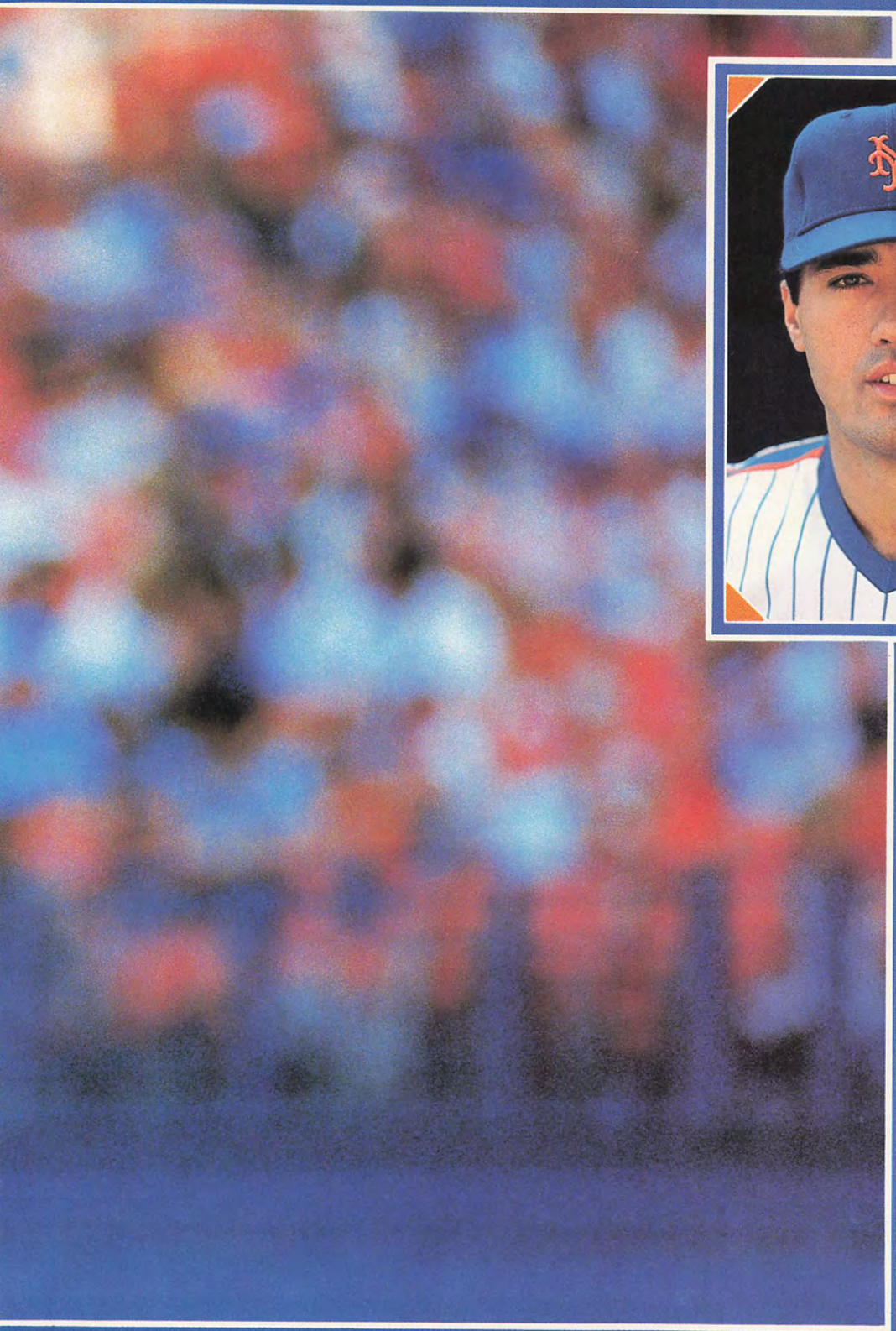

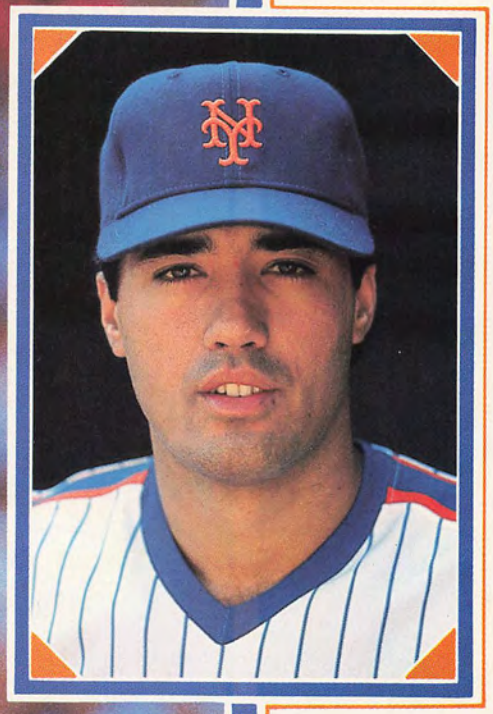

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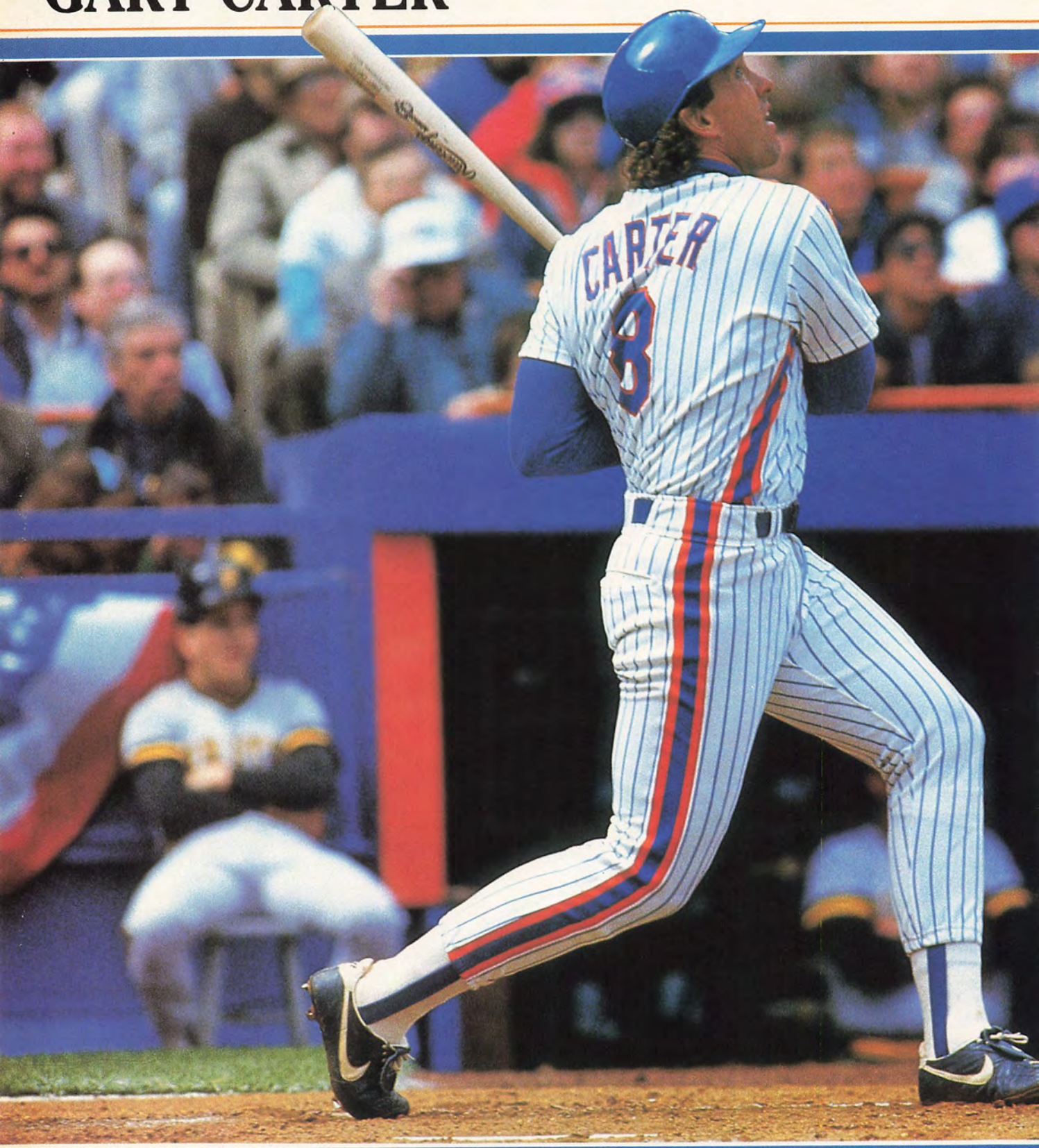

Born: April 8, 1954, Culver City, CA. My most memorable career moment: "Winning the World Series and catching the last out (a strike out)...Marty Barrett."

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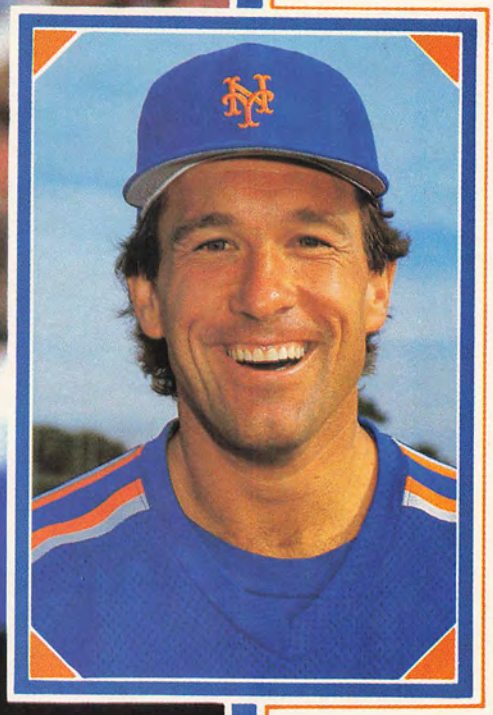

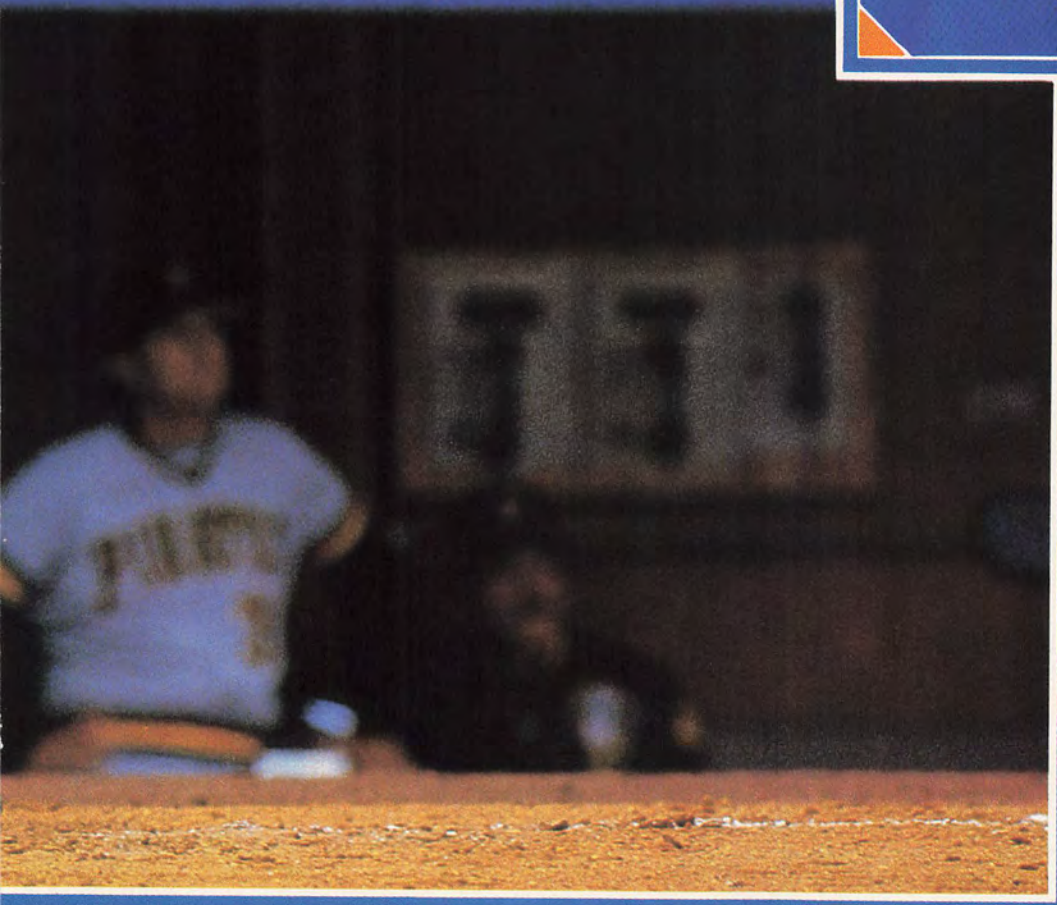

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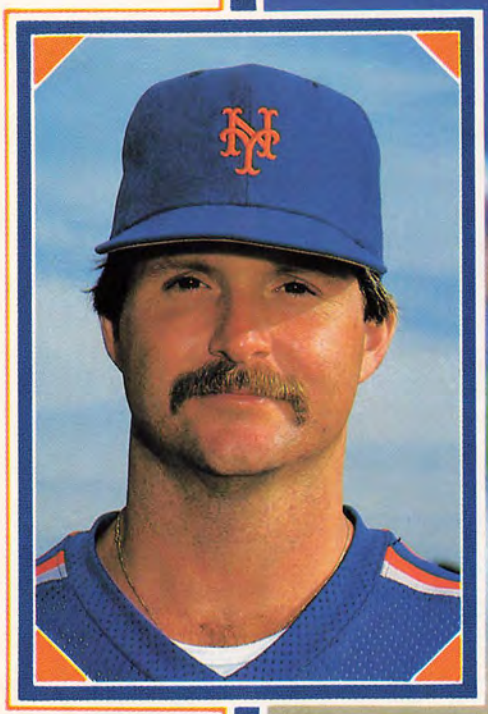

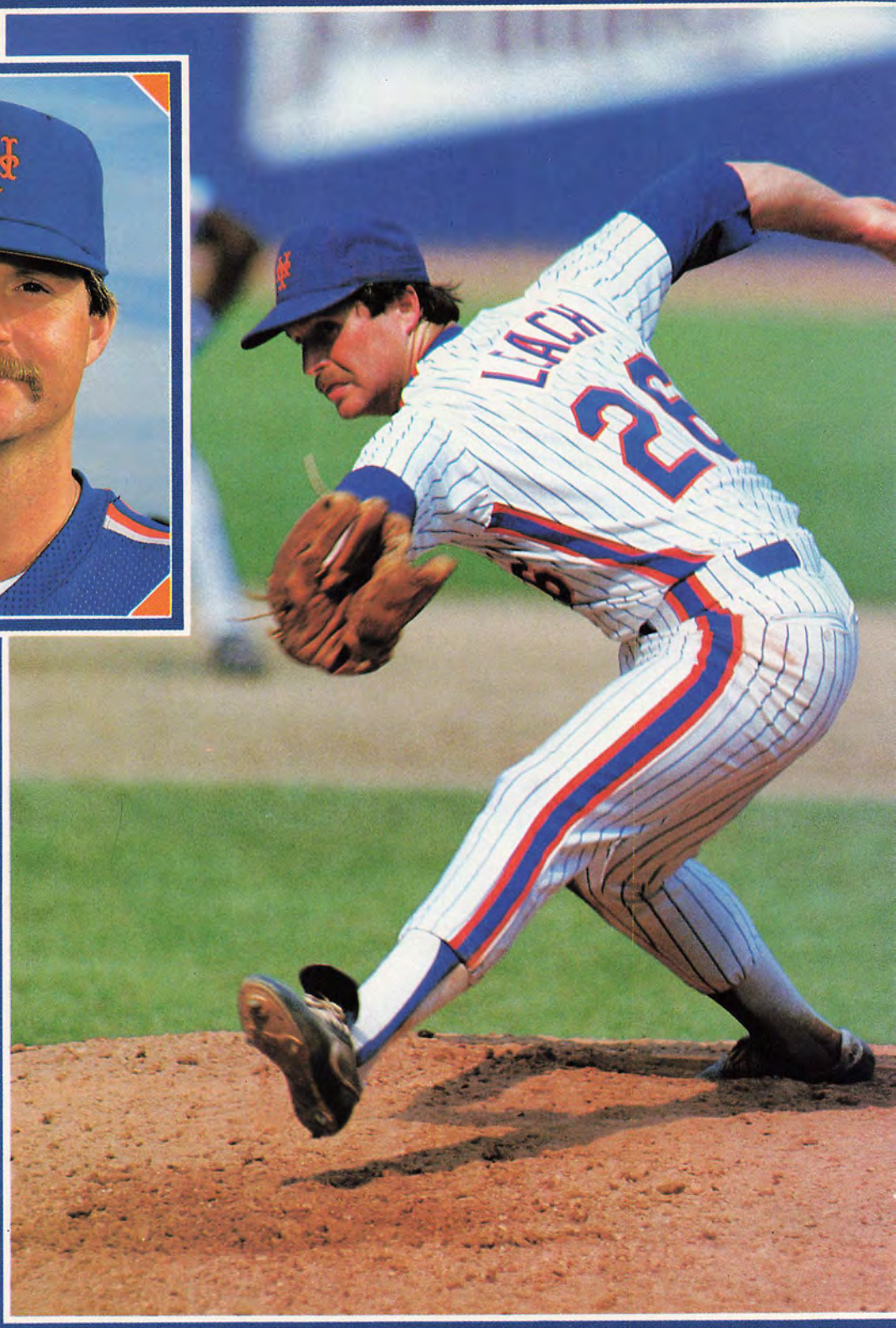

Born: March 13, 1954, Selma, AL. My most memorable career moment: "When I pitched a 10 inning one-hitter vs. Philly." (October 1, 1982)

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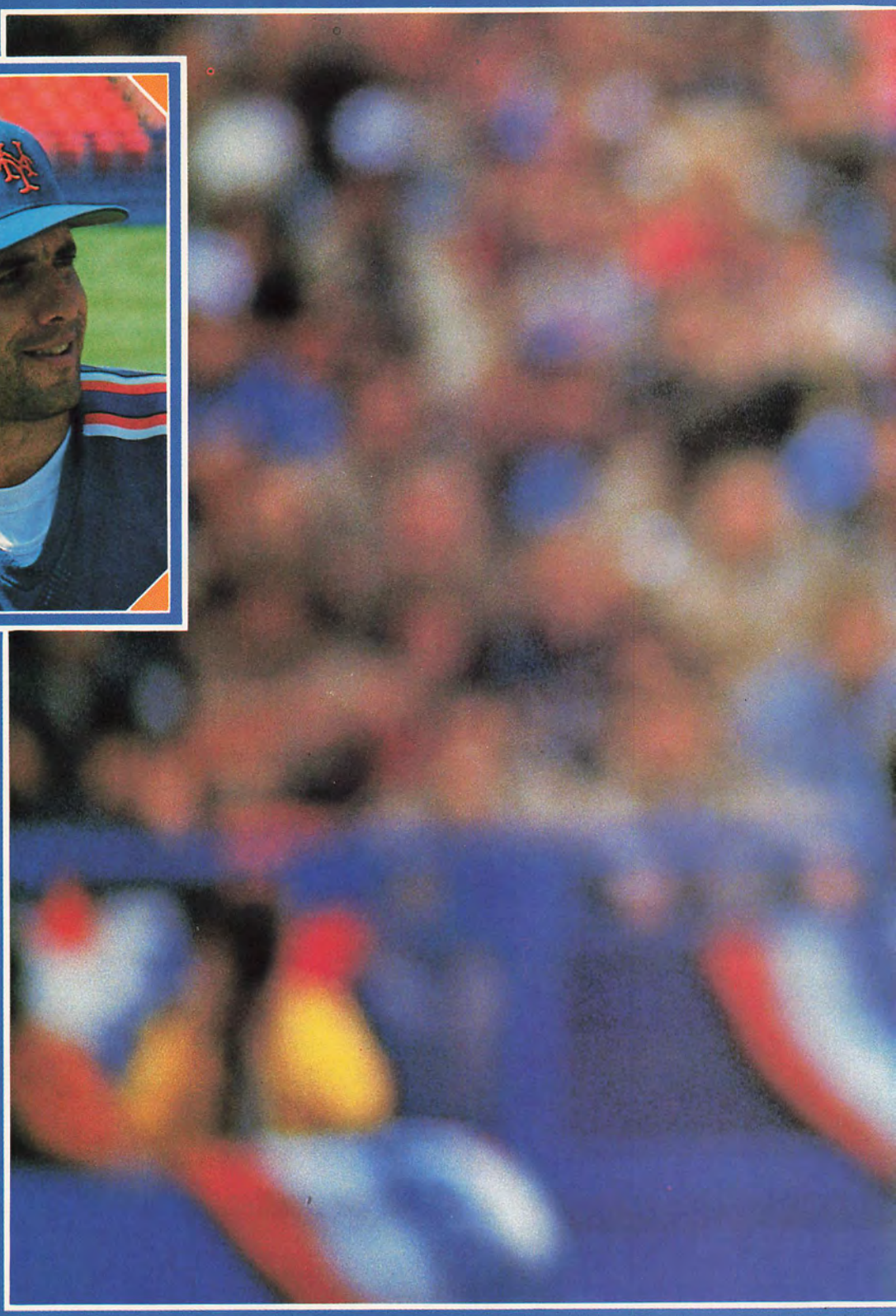

Born: December 17, 1957, Los Angeles, CA. My most memorable career moment: "Winning Game 3 of the World Series in Boston."

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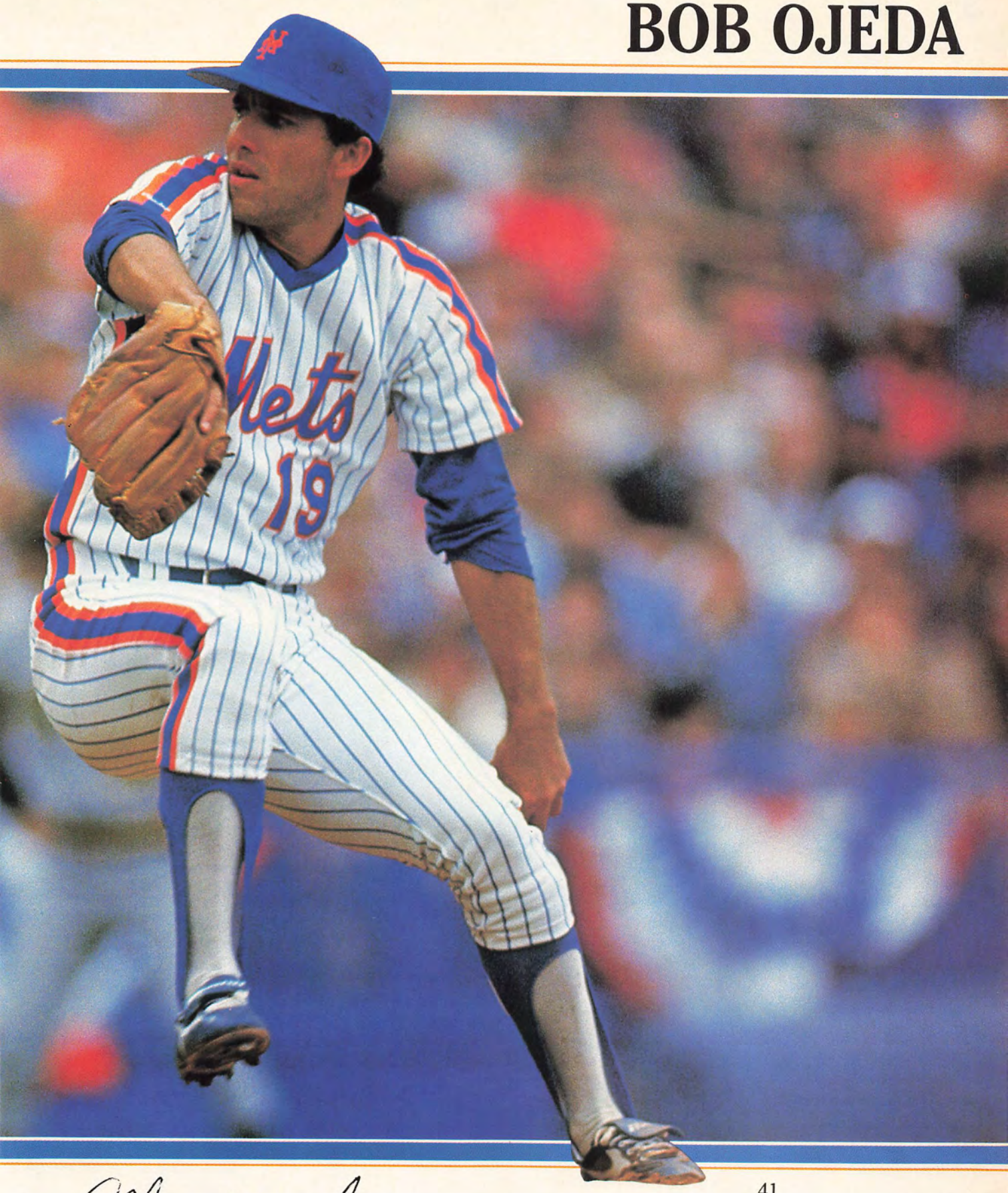

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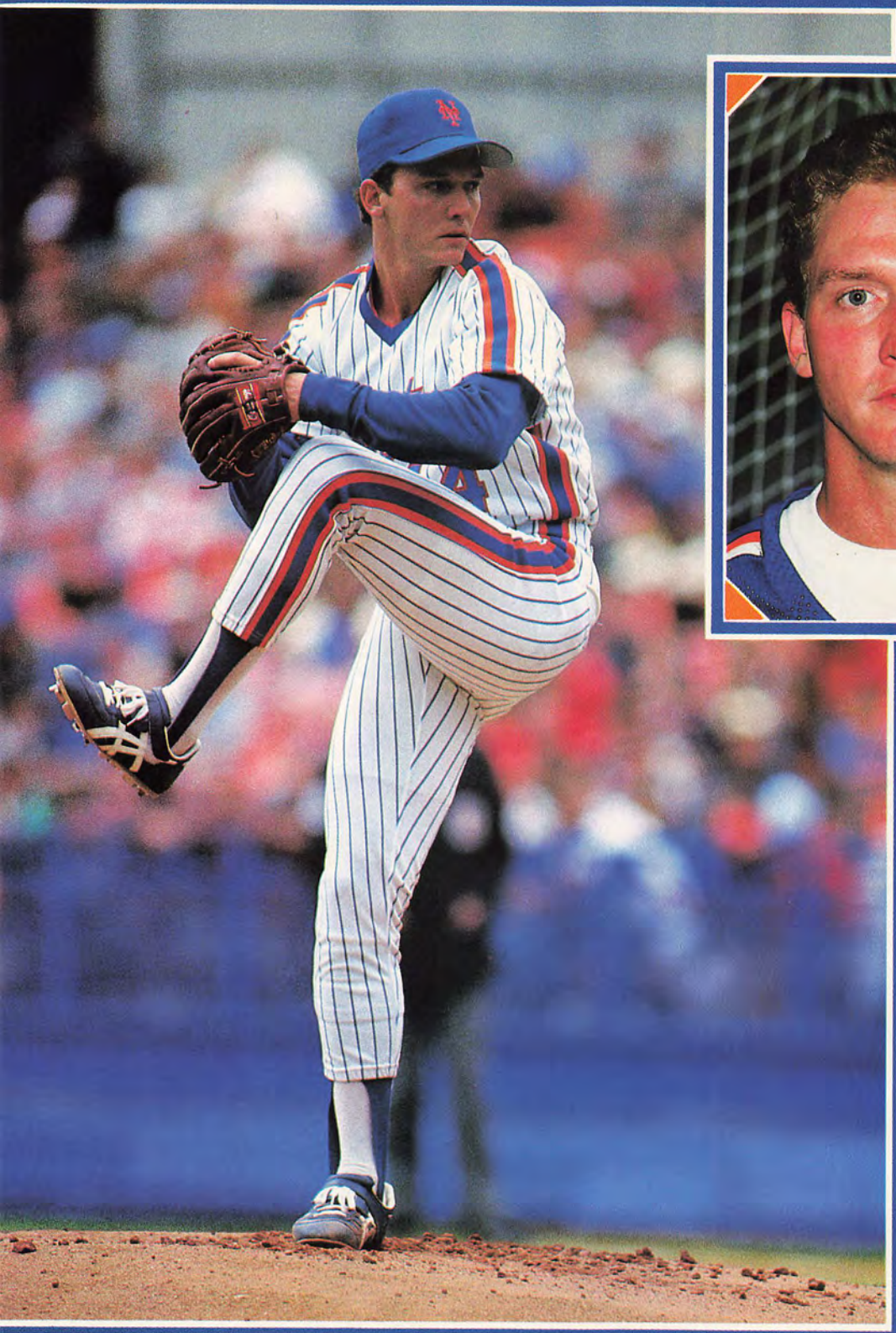

Born: January 2, 1963, Kansas City, MO. My most memorable career moment: "My first major league win in Cincinnati." (May 12, 1987)

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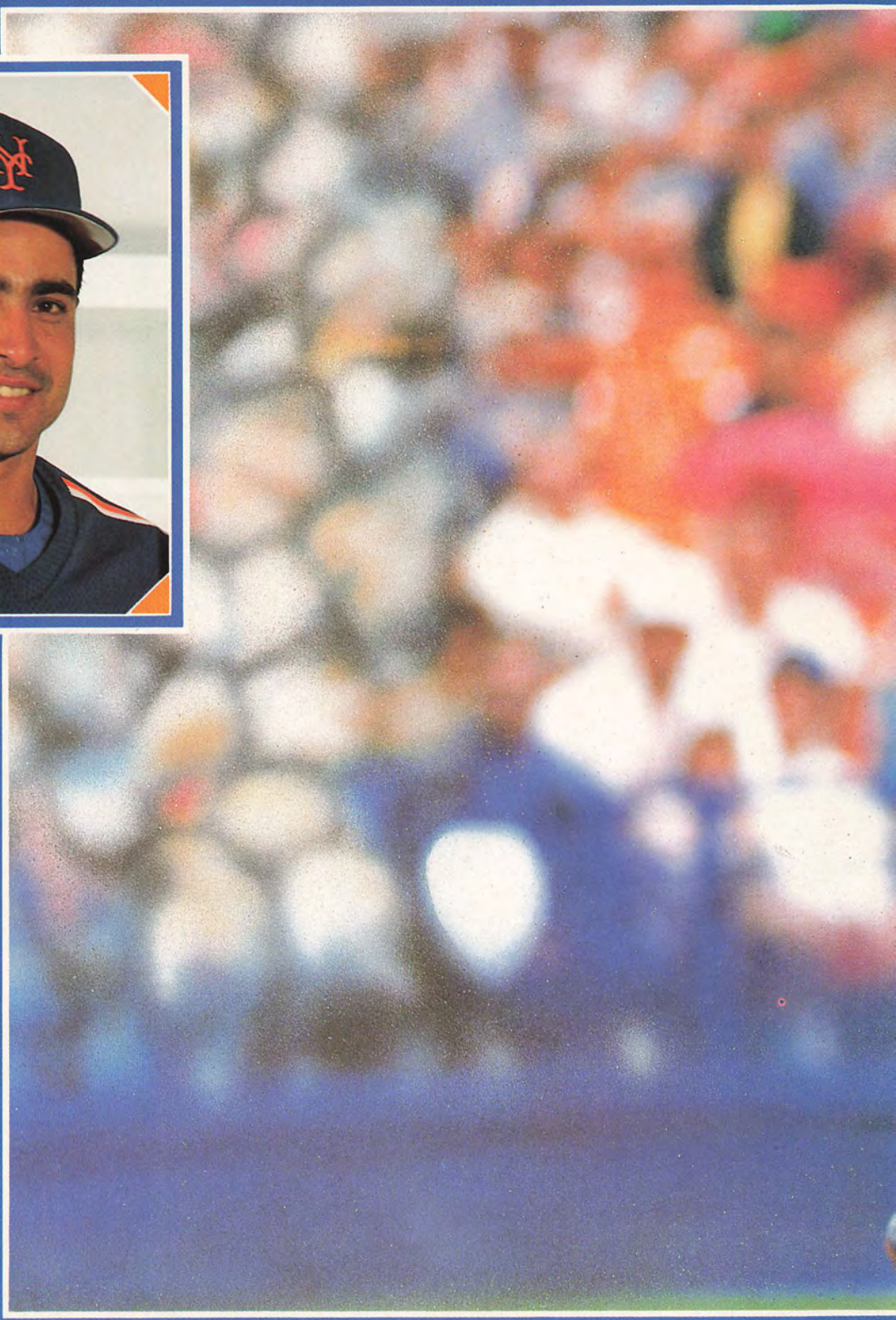

Born: October 12, 1962, Honolulu, HI. My most memorable career moment: "The seventh game of the 1986 World Series."

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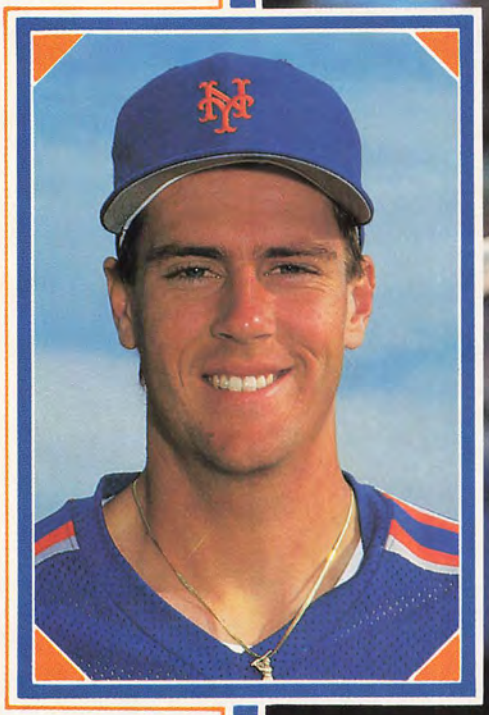

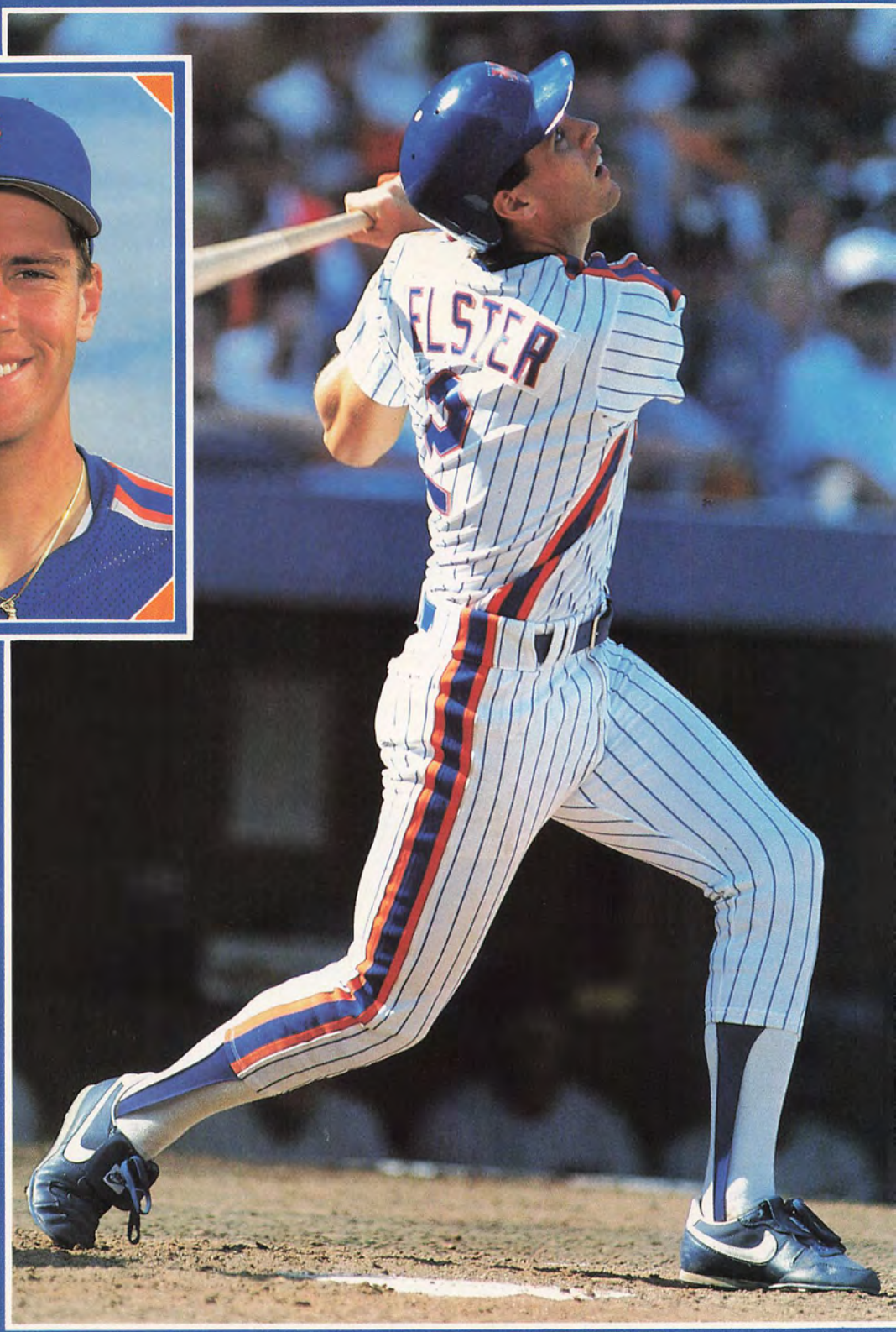

Born: August 3, 1964, San Diego, CA. My most memorable career moment: "Being in the World Series."

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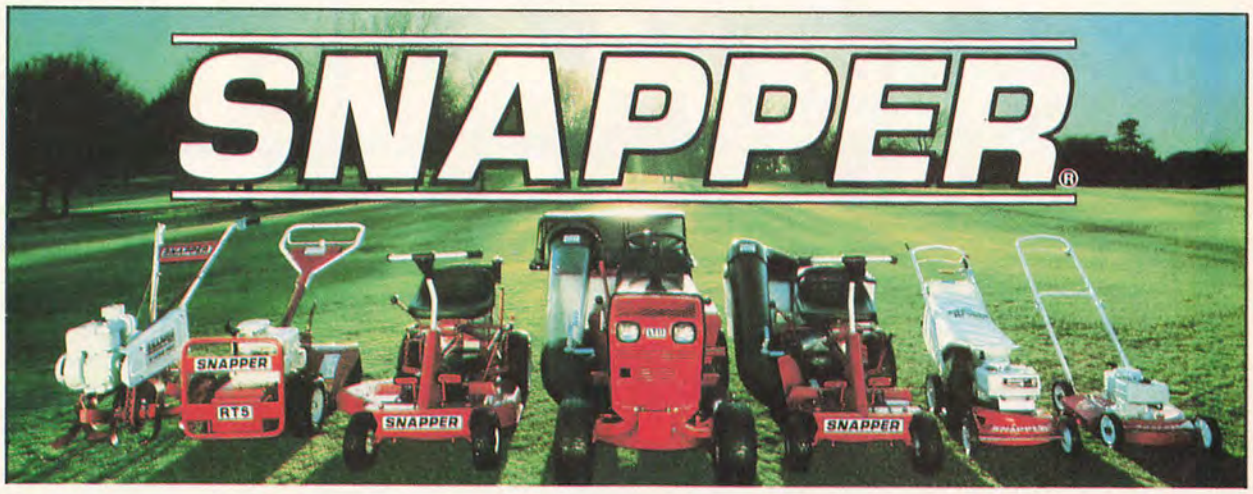

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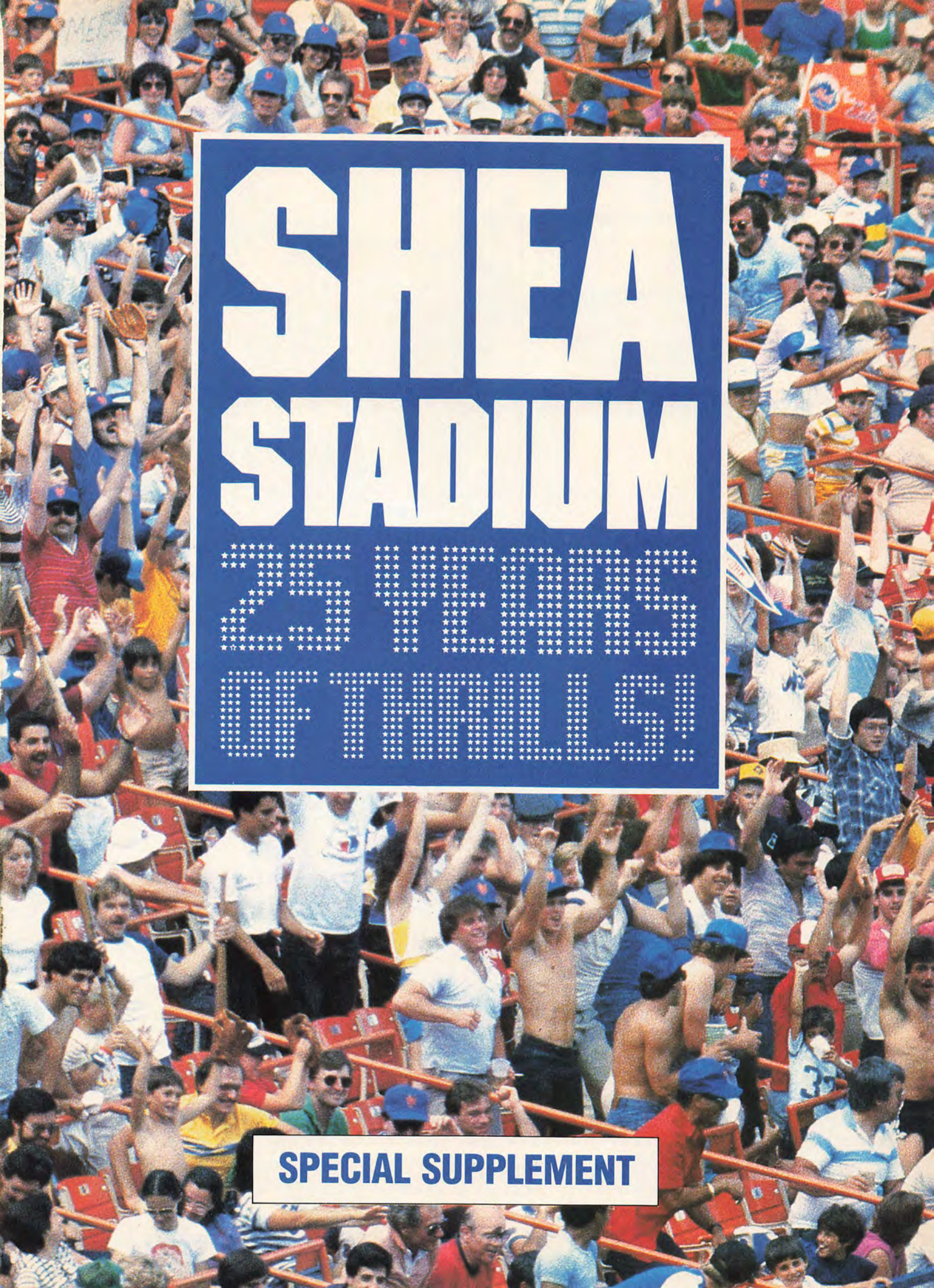
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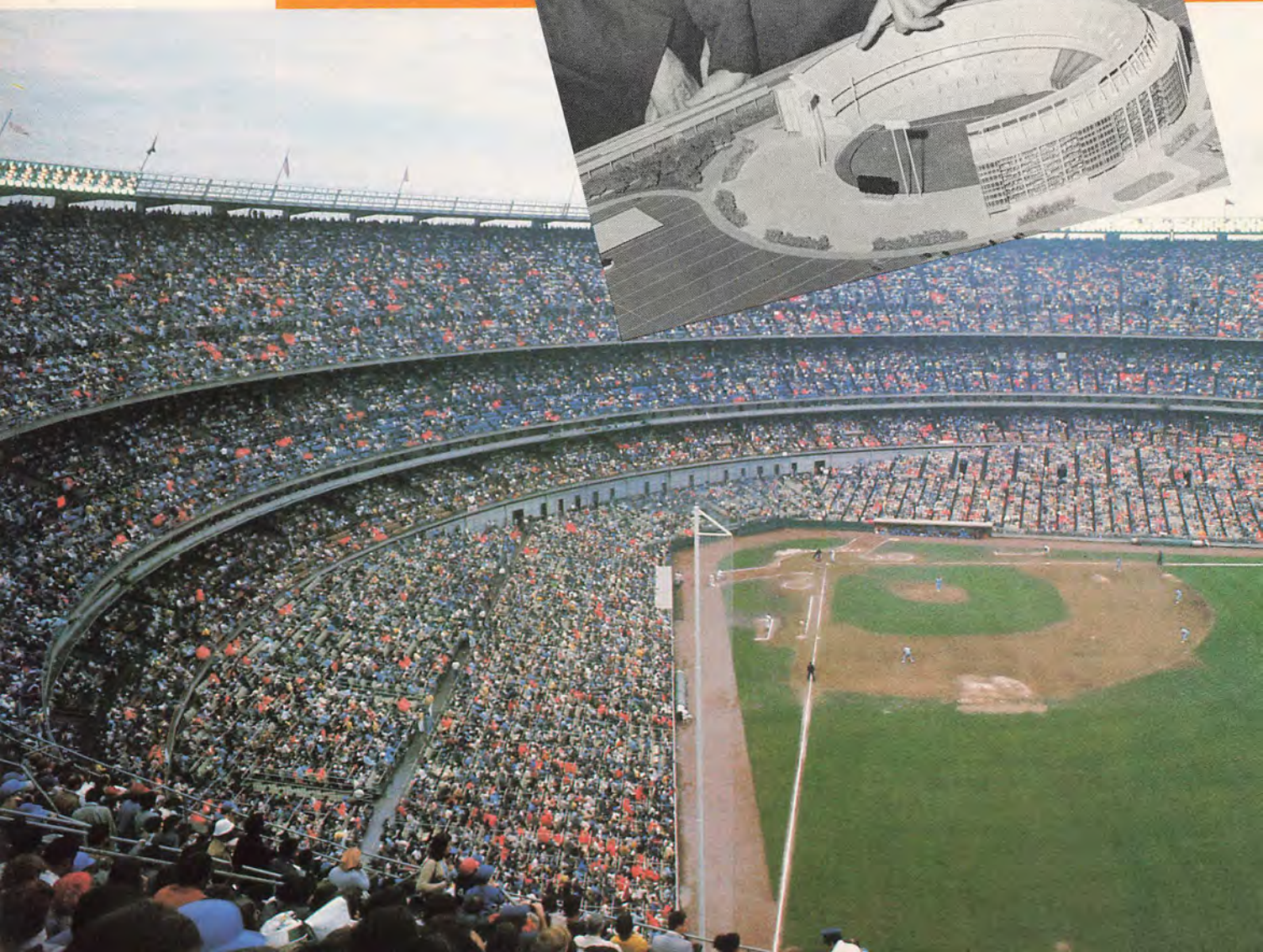
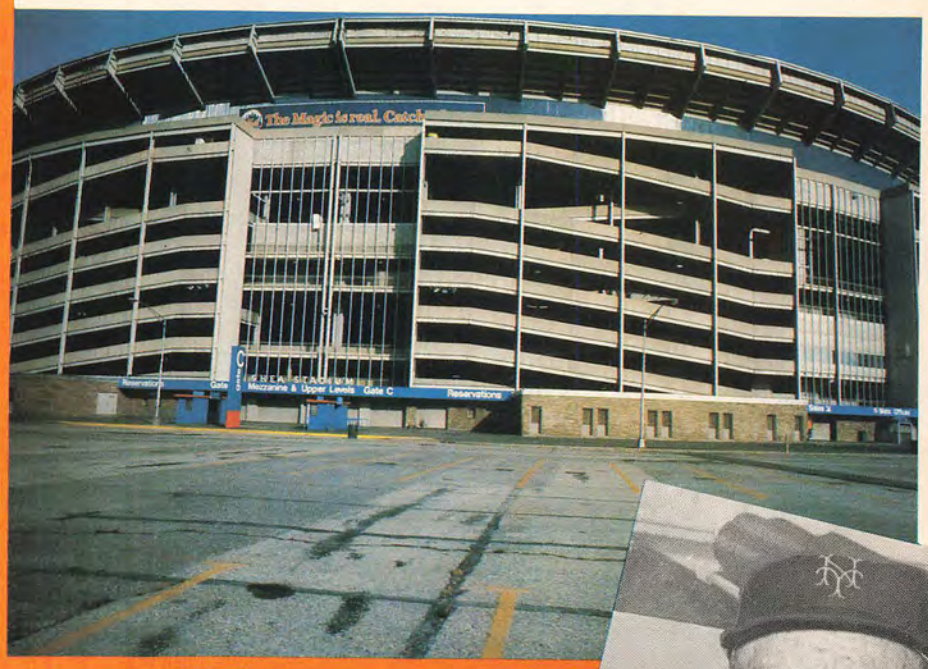
Branch Rickey, Mayor Robert Wagner and Bill Shea look over a model of the proposed Shea Stadium.



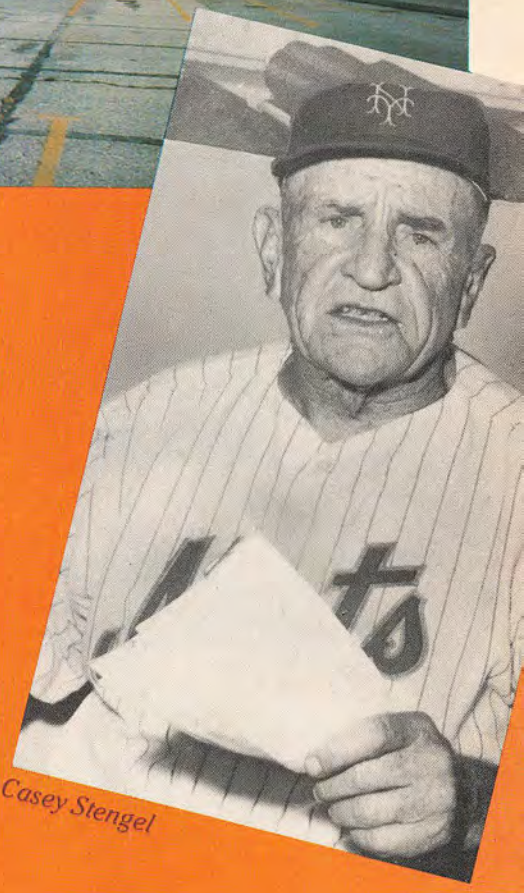
In April 17, 1964, in the first year of the rule of Lyndon Johnson and the third year of the reign of Casey Stengel, flanked by LaGuardia Airport to the North and the World's Fair to the South, surrounded by Grand Central Parkway, Northern Boulevard and Roosevelt Avenue in the warren of Flushing Meadow in the borough of Queens in the city of New York, and attended by the Pittsburgh Pirates, the City Fathers and thousands of citizens who had skipped their appointed rounds to spend an afternoon in the sun watching history unfold, the New York Mets ran up the curtain on the newest and biggest stage in town: the William A. Shea Stadium.



It was named for the celebrated lawyer who had filled the municipal void and healed the municipal heart broken seven years before when the Dodgers left Brooklyn and the Giants left Manhattan and skipped to California. Bill Shea did it by shepherding the National League back into the Big Apple with a new flock, the men of the Mets, reared by Joan Whitney Payson, masterminded by Charles Dillon Stengel and now, on this landmark afternoon in the spring of '64, housed in the resplendent ball yard known as Shea Stadium.

It was a stage, all right. Filled with performers, graced with stars, laced with melodrama. And it promptly became a stage where the full range of human theatre was enacted, success and failure, peaks and valleys, ups and downs, to say nothing of wins and losses, played out for all the world to see. A teeming stage where...

The Mets and the San Francisco Giants, six weeks later, needed 9 hours 52 minutes to play 32 innings in one doubleheader that included a 23-inning game, 47 strikeouts by one dozen pitchers, 15 consecutive



Casey Stengel

Willie Mays

scoreless innings, one triple play in the fourteenth inning of the marathon, two losses for the home team, Willie Mays playing shortstop for a while for the Giants and the final out at 11:25 P.M.

A stage where the losers grew into historic winners five summers later, 100-to-1 shots who rose up from ninth place to first, won the East, won the pennant, smote the Baltimore Orioles in the World Series. Splended and fairly amazing, the Old Man said.

It was the place where young Tom Seaver one day struck out 19 of the San Diego Padres in a game, including the *last* ten.

The Jets played there, the Shriners met there, the Beatles rocked there one night in 1965 and did it before a remarkable throng of 53,275 persons.

Tommie Agee caught the ball there, and Bill Buckner didn't.

Joe Namath threw short to Matt Snell there, and threw deep to Don Maynard there.

The Yankees found a home away from home there for two years while their own stadium was being modernized.

The Ice Capades glided there. The Roller Derby skated there. The circus strutted there. Janis Joplin sang for peace there.

Pélé booted the ball there. Grambling played Norfolk State there. Army met Notre Dame there, and even the city's cops and firefighters played football there.

The International Music Festival raised voices there. The Newport Jazz Festival raised a rumpus there. Jethro Tull made it there, and 25,000 Boy Scouts pitched camp there.

The Who made the stage there, and Simon and Garfunkel made music there.

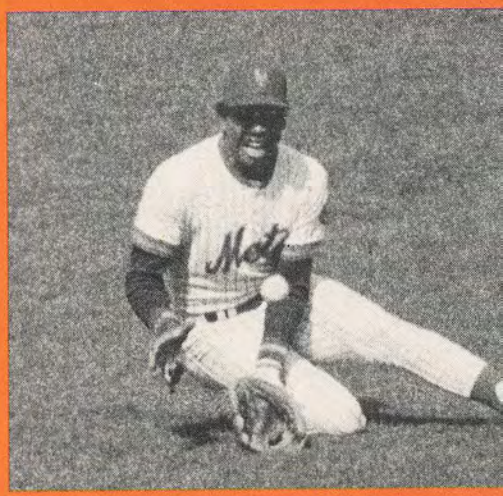
Nino Benvenuti fought Emile Griffith there. Sugar Ray Leonard mixed it up with Roberto Duran there. Sammartino and Morales wrestled there. They even ran the 100-mile marathon there.

Billy Graham exhorted the multitudes there. The Jehovah's Witnesses assembled there. Jesus 79 gathered there. And Pope John Paul blessed 45,738 persons there.

But mostly, the Mets worked there, did their number there, even won the main event there in 1969 and again in 1986. Yes, Jim Bunning was perfect there, and Tom Seaver was nearly perfect there. And, lest we forget, Willie Mays came home there.

You gotta believe that Tug McGraw pitched there, and Gil Hodges, Yogi Berra, Joe Torre and Davey Johnson managed there. The Big Red Machine rolled, Le Grand Orange patrolled. Roberto Clemente got his 3,000th and last hit there. The Mets drew the biggest crowds in New York sports there.

They even grew tomatoes there, in the dirt patch in the bullpen yard in right field. And you could look it up.



Tommy Agee makes one of his famous catches during the 1969 World Series.

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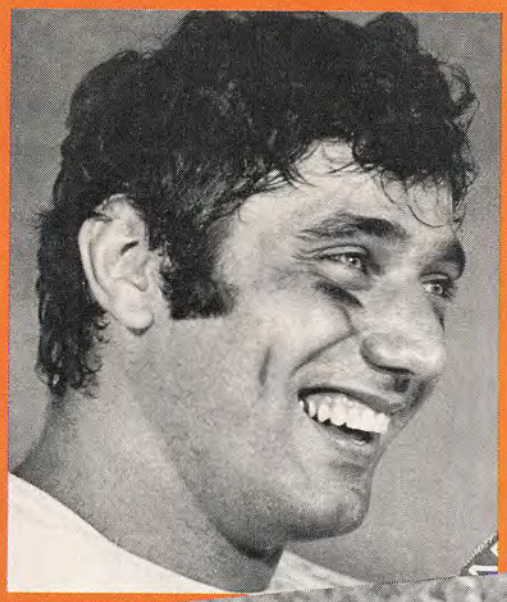
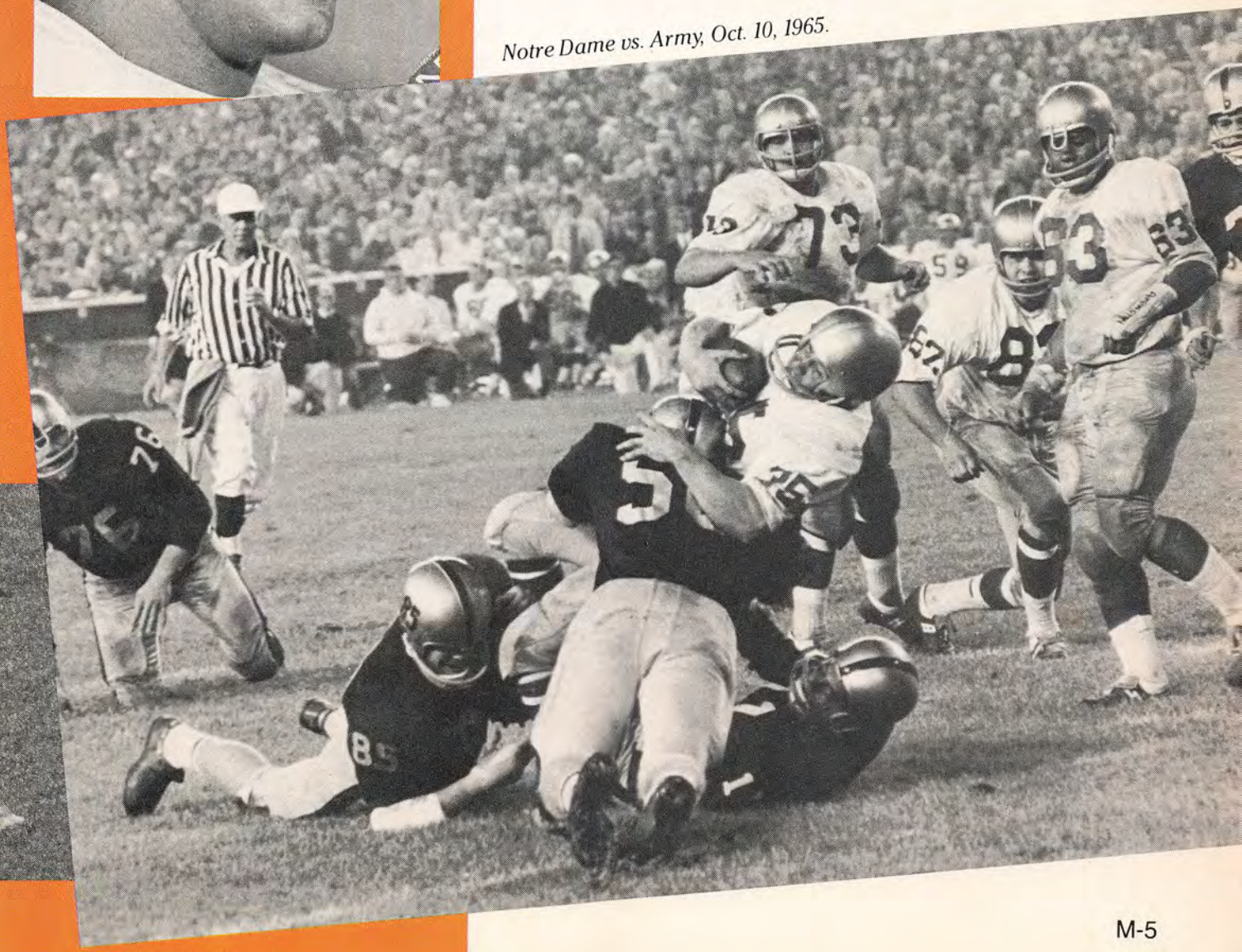
Joe Namath



Champion Nino Benvenuti lands to the side of the head of Emile Griffith during their middleweight championship fight, Sept. 29, 1967.

Notre Dame vs. Army, Oct. 10, 1965.



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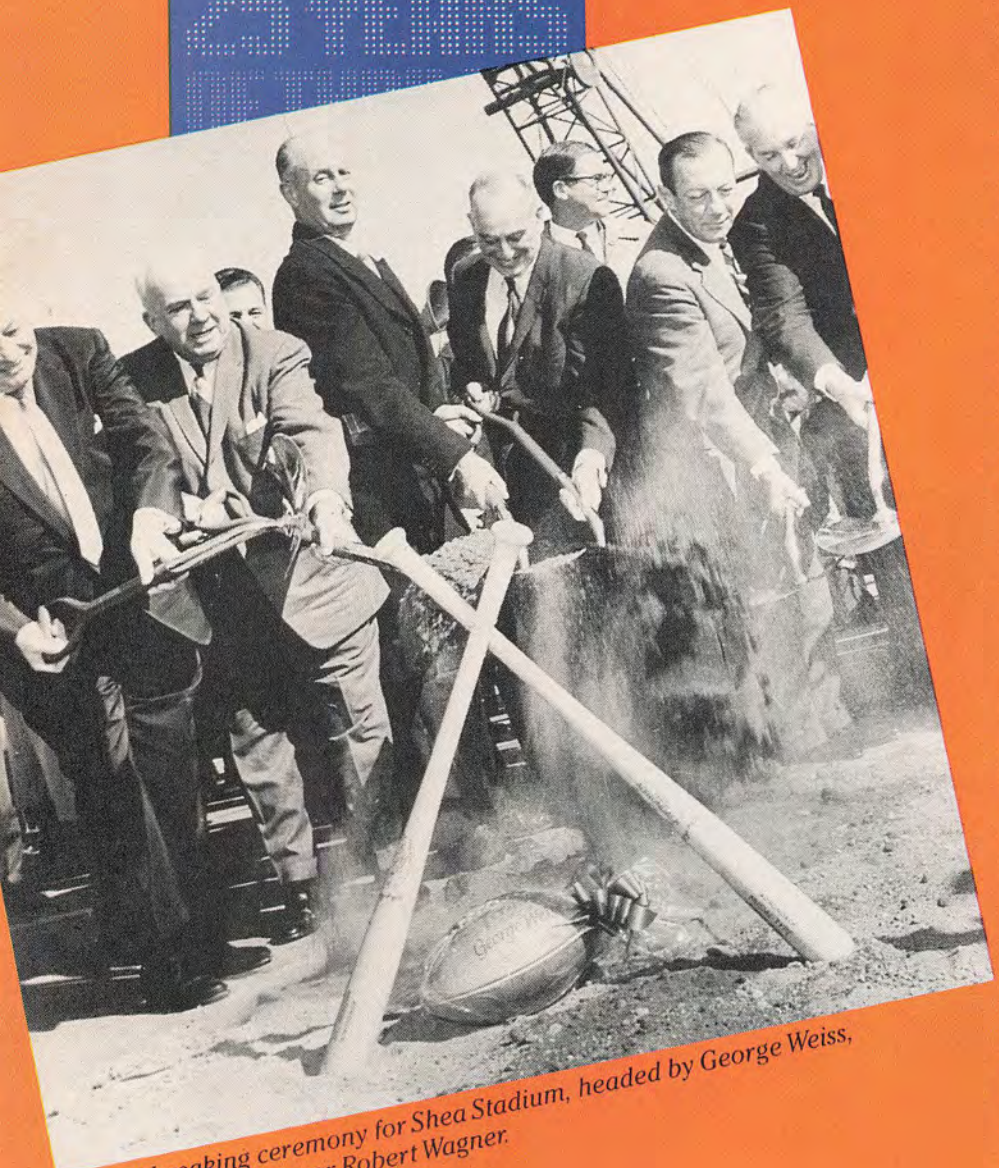


Ground breaking ceremony for Shea Stadium, headed by George Weiss, Warren Giles and Mayor Robert Wagner.

From Day One, it has been a stage: crowded, storied, dramatic. A stage for the last 25 years, the last quarter of a century, the last generation. The biggest stage in town.

It was built by the city and designed by the firm of Praeger-Kavanaugh-Waterbury and financed by municipal bonds. It seats more than 55,000 for baseball, and about 60,000 for football. It comes with 24 ramps and 21 escalators, and it is stacked on five tiers. Ground was broken for it on October 28, 1961, and it was opened 29 months later with all fanfare, all due ceremony, all the pomp and circumstance in the world and with flowers for the manager of the Mets from the man who got them there, Bill Shea.

"I feel," said Casey Stengel, draped with roses, "that I just won the Kentucky Derby."

He didn't win the Kentucky Derby that day. In fact, he didn't even win the ball game that day. The Pirates did that, 4 to 3, thanks to a home run by Willie Stargell. And they snatched the curtain-raiser from the home team.

But the Mets won the war for the public's fancy, and polished the mystique they had created during their first two summers in business in the Polo Grounds, where they were not often mistaken for the ghosts of the departed Giants. In their new stadium, Dick Young wrote, the resident denizens were "the new Breed," the new generation of fans, fervent and forgiving, long-winded and long-suffering, but facing the future with great expectations in the newest stadium in the big leagues.

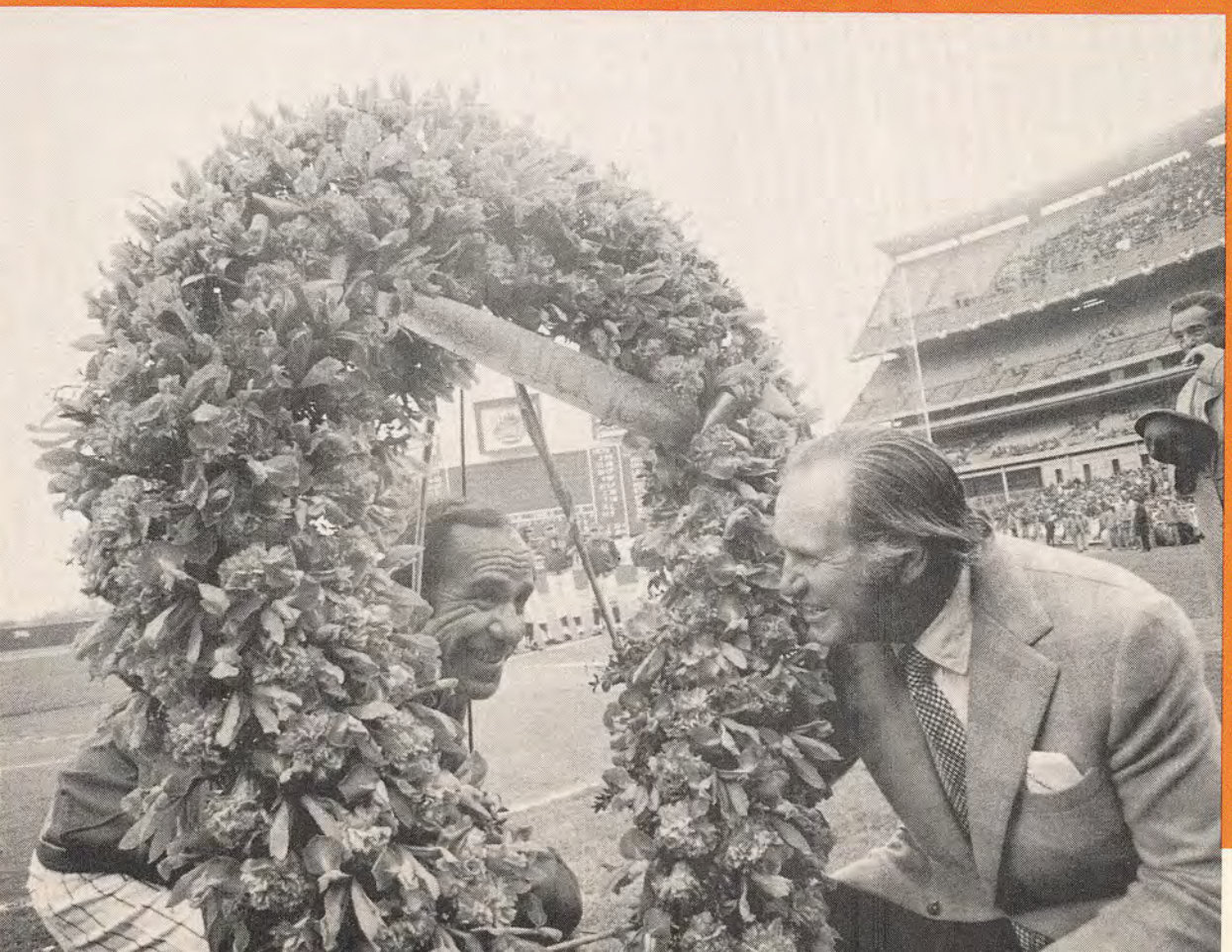
"Other teams and other cities used to send their people to Shea to inspect it," remembers Arthur Richman. "It was probably the most modern stadium in the country, and everybody wanted to copy it."

Arthur Richman, a quarter-century later, is one of three staff officers on the Mets who have been there approximately as long as the stadium. He arrived in 1965 as Director of Promotions after a first career as a sports writer, and now serves as special assistant to the general manager and director of team travel. John McCarthy cultivated the first blades of grass in the ball yard as the chief groundskeeper, and now cultivates wider horizons as the stadium manager. And Bob Mandt goes back farther than anyone. He sold tickets to Mets' games even before the Mets played games, starting in the Martinique Hotel and then switching to the ball park, where he has directed all ticket sales for a generation and where he now directs heavier traffic as vice president for operations.

They can remember when Shea Stadium had grass and traffic, but no telephones.

Casey Stengel and Mrs. Joan Payson, opening day of Shea Stadium, 1964.

Bill Shea presents good luck floral piece to Mgr. Yogi Berra, prior to the start of the 1972 season.



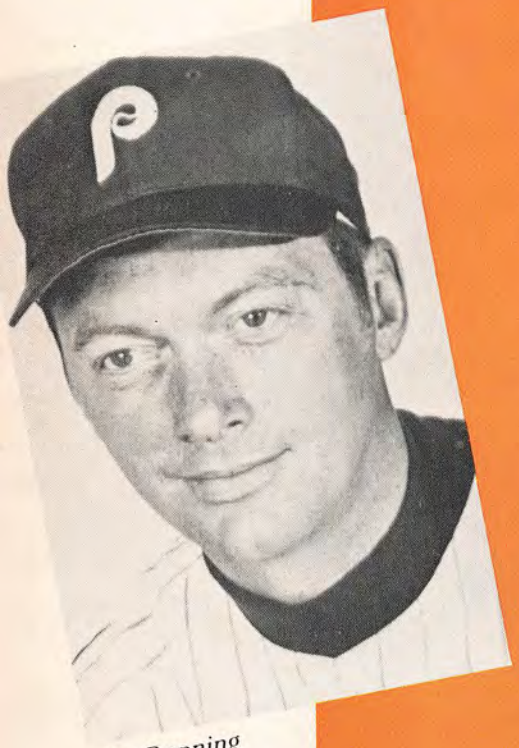
"On May 31st that first year, when they played the long doubleheader," Arthur Richman recalls, "the phones still weren't all working. They had to send the newspaper stories by messenger to the World's Fair, where they'd be relayed to the newspapers in Manhattan."

One of the stories sent that way was written by his brother Milton, the renowned editor and columnist for United Press International. They went to the stadium that day planning to meet after the games at their aunt's home in Rego Park, Queens. But the Met mystique was working overtime that day. Arthur Richman left after the first game, escorted his father to the aunt's house and waited for Milton to arrive. And waited, and waited.

"He couldn't call because the phones weren't working," Arthur remembers. "And he couldn't leave because the Mets and Giants kept playing. They played until 11:25 at night, and he worked until 2:30 in the morning. The handwriting was on the wall: Life with this team, in this park, was never going to be simple."

Or lonely. One month later, on June 22, in the first game of another memorable doubleheader, Jim Bunning of the Philadelphia Phillies faced 27 Mets and got all 27 out. In the second game, though, the Mets improved in a quantum leap: They got three hits.

But the show must go on, and it did. The Mets, who began the season by trading Duke Snider to the Giants, ended it by hiring Yogi Berra, who had just been fired by the Yankees after losing the World Series by one game. They won only 53 games and lost 109 and finished 40 games from the top. But they did it all before home crowds that numbered 1,732, 597, an explosion of 65 per cent in attendance and the second largest in the major leagues. Only the Los Angeles Dodgers drew more; the Yankees, who won the American League pennant, drew 400,000 less.



Jim Bunning

The mystique kept exploding, too. The young pitchers on Stengel's team that year included Jack Fisher and Tracy Stallard, a pair of right-handers from the American League, where they had shared history three years before: Fisher threw the pitch that Roger Maris whacked for his 60th home run of the 1961 season, tying Babe Ruth's record. Stallard threw the pitch that Maris whacked for No. 61, breaking it.

To get into Shea Stadium to join the tumult, or just to join in shouting "Let's Go, Mets," you had to pay $3.50 for a box seat in those inaugural days; $2.50 for a reserved seat, or $1.30 for general admission. Once inside the park, you were facing a ball yard of symmetry and precision: 341 feet down the left-field and right-field line, 378 feet in the power alleys in left-center and right-center, 410 feet to straightaway center. (In 1979, the foul lines were shortened by three feet apiece.)

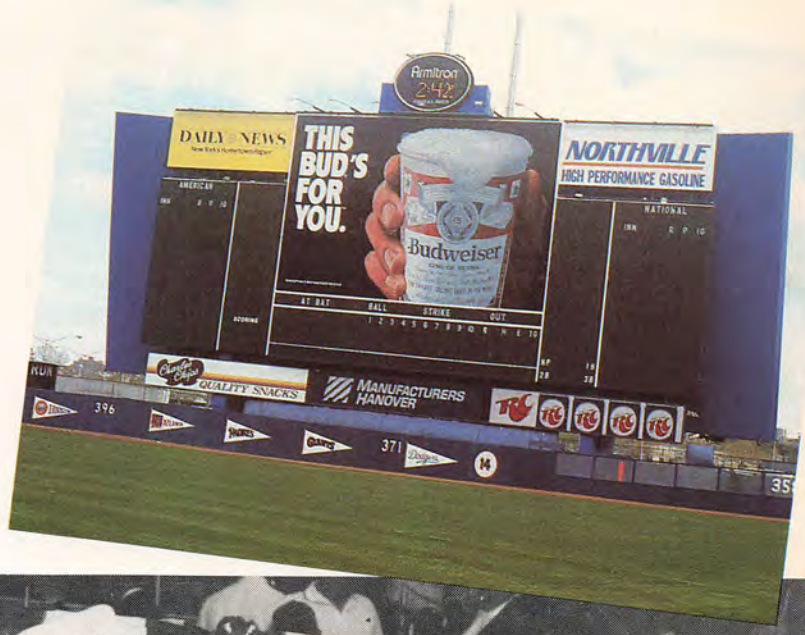
You also were facing a radically new and informative scoreboard, 86 feet high, 175 feet long across the lawn behind the right-field fence, 60 tons in weight, seven stories high and equipped with 80 miles of wiring. The Mets managed to sound like P.T. Barnum in describing their new scoreboard in open-mouthed wonder in official notes:

"An attraction in itself is the Stadiarama Scoreboard, an enormous electronic brain which keeps the fan advised of games elsewhere, helps fans on the scene keep score, shows pictures, responds in brilliant colors to music played on the stadium organ, and actually has a memory."

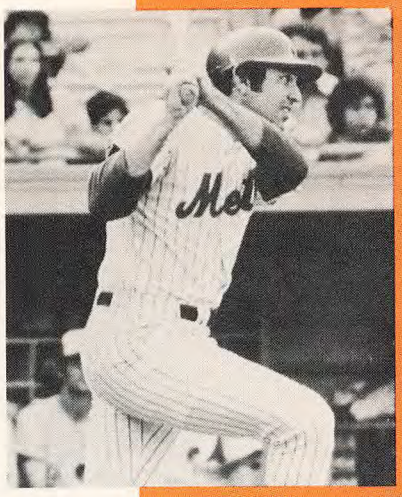
The scoreboard's memory probably had no trouble remembering some of the historic, or even the zany, events that followed. In the middle of their stadium's second summer, the Mets staged Old Timers Day on a Saturday in July, and the next day added a mass birthday party for Casey Stengel (birthday No. 75). The

only hitch came when Casey joined the old timers at Toots Shor's after the Saturday game, and fell and fractured his hip. So, the next afternoon, more than 50,000 people in Shea Stadium were singing "Happy Birthday, Dear Casey," while dear Casey was watching on TV from his bed in Roosevelt Hospital.

Two months later, the Mets were closing the season snugged into 10th and last place, closing with a doubleheader against the Houston Astros, who were snugged into ninth place. Not only that, but the World's Fair was ending its two-year run next door. So, with a fine sense of their own place in the scheme of things, the Mets and Astros figured to wrap up the season in relative privacy.

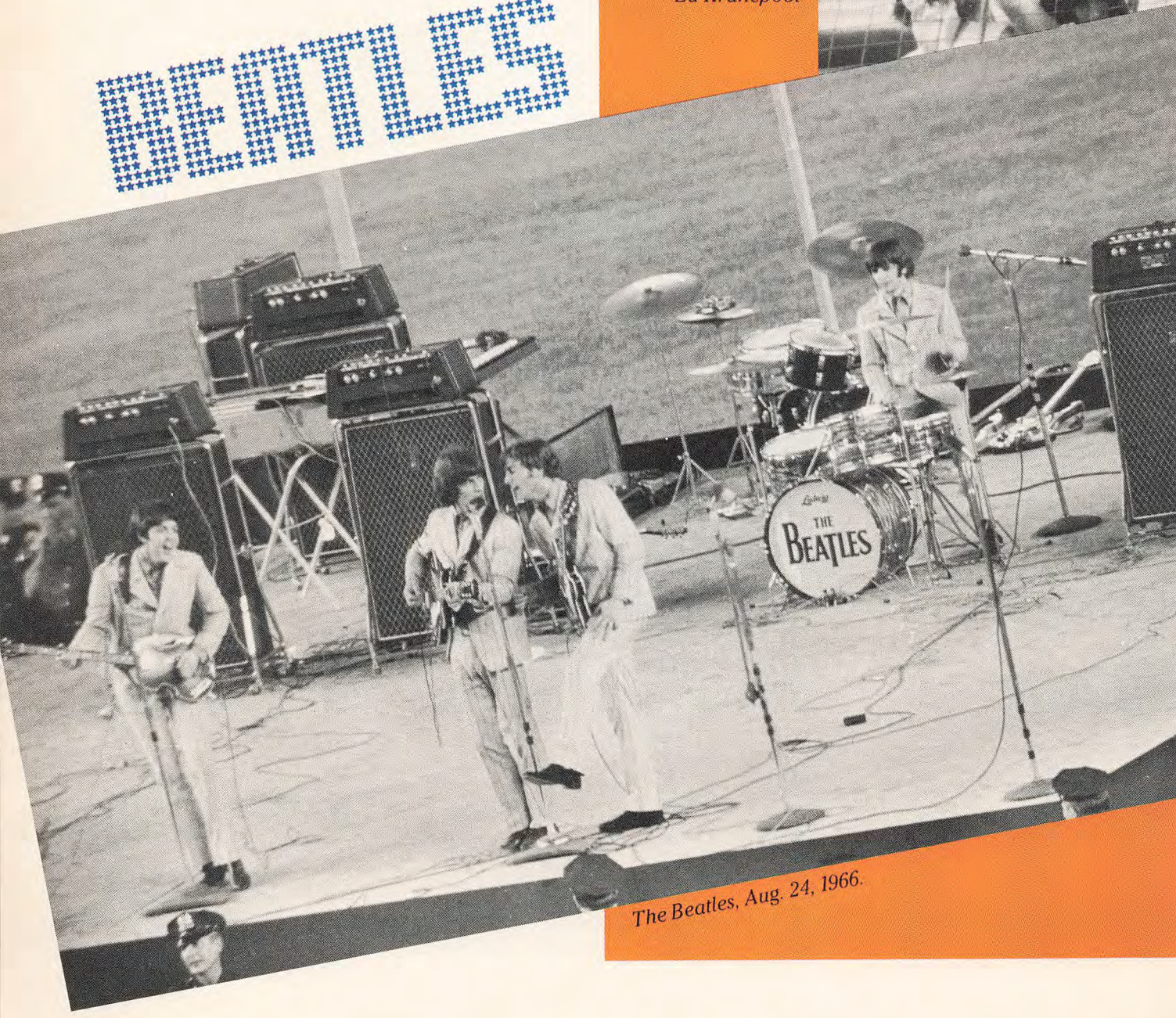


Casey Stengel and fellow Hall of Famers, left to right, Bill McKechnie, Zack Wheat and Edd Roush.



Ed Kranepool

BEATLES



The Beatles, Aug. 24, 1966.

Young fans climb a fence to get a better look at the Beatles.

"But we decided to give batting helmets to the kids and Mets' wallets to the adults as Fan Appreciation gifts," Arthur Richman says. "It was the first Helmet Day, and it turned into a blockbuster. Close to 50,000 people showed up, stacked in long lines at the gates, on the ramps, everyplace, all waiting for their gifts.

"We finally ran out of them, but we collected all their names and addresses and mailed helmets and wallets to everybody who couldn't get them at the stadium."

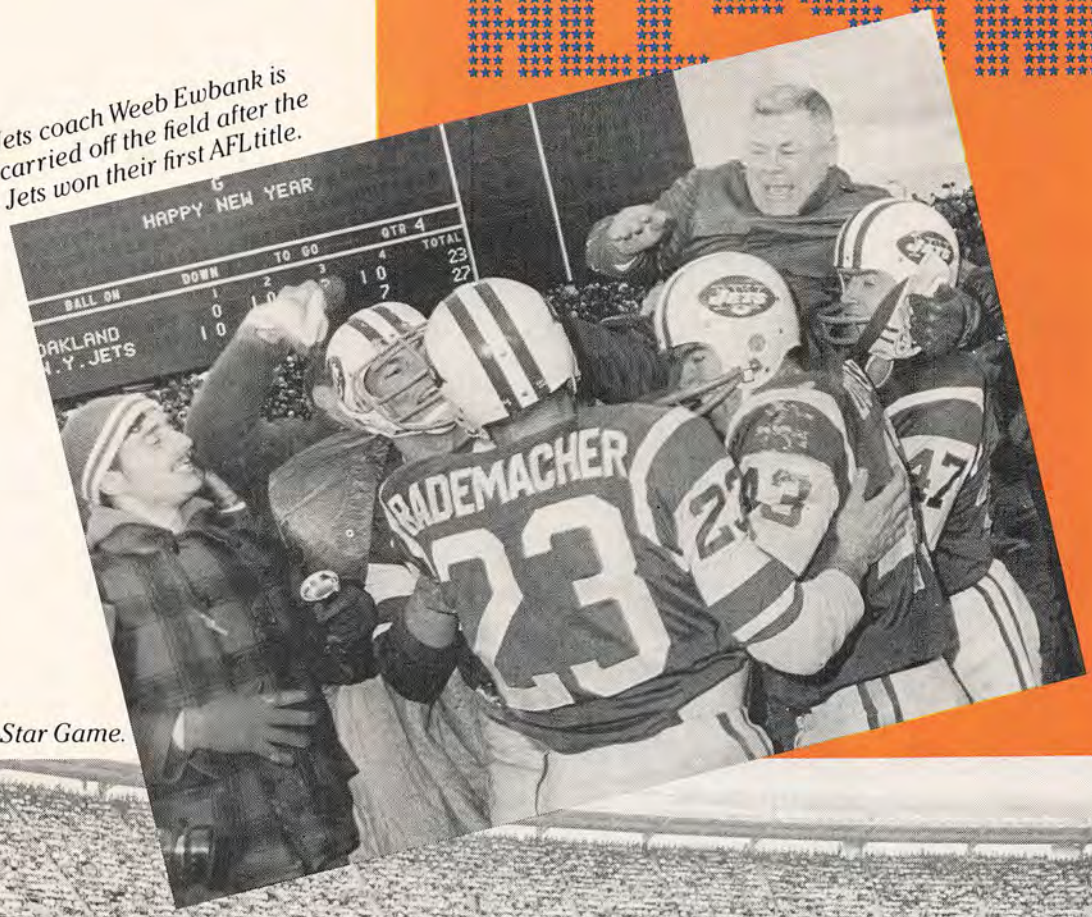
But for sheer chaos, nothing matched the appearance of the Beatles on August 15 in that summer of 1965. It was incongruous, but there they were: the Liverpool moppets, demigods across the planet, giving a recital from a bandstand on the infield where Marvelous Marv Throneberry and Eddie Kranepool did *their* numbers. And 53,275 screaming fans were whipping themselves into a fine frenzy.

"We had 500 city cops outside the gates and fences," Richman remembers, "and we had five rows of wooden horses in front of the grandstand to keep people from storming the field when it was over. We even asked the guy running the show not to announce their final number. We didn't want to give them any signal to charge.

"Jim Thomson, who was running the stadium then, also arranged for an armored car to race in from center field and whisk the Beatles away. It was supposed to drive them to the Terrace In The Park restaurant over on the World's Fair grounds, where a helicopter would pick them up."

But the Beatles innocently wiped out all the security plans when they announce: 'Now, for our final number...' And that did it. The fans stormed the field en masse, and the 500 cops had to rush inside and try to restore order to a wild, wild scene.

ALL-STARS



Jets coach Weeb Ewbank is carried off the field after the Jets won their first AFL title.

1964 All-Star Game.

But wild scenes and overflow crowds were already part of the regular setting for this cast and this stage. The All-Star Game was held in the stadium as part of its first-year commotion, and 50,850 paid to watch it. The New York Jets played their first football game there on September 12, 1964, and drew 52,663. The Beatles topped that when they appeared the following August, but Army and Notre Dame topped the Beatles when they played on October 9, 1965, and sold 60,000 ticktes.

In the next three years, Pittsburgh played Syracuse in football, Batman performed wondrous deeds in the morning and again in the afternoon, the Ice Capades took over the place for eight days in June while the Mets were traveling, the Thrill Circus had a 10-day run in August while the Mets were again on the road and, on December 29, 1968, en route to some history of their own, the Jets beat the Oakland Raiders in the American Football League title game before 61,191 fans.

But when it came to history, the Mets made it with outrageous flair in 1969 when they rose from ninth place in the National League to first place in one summer of storybook success. After 41 games, they had a record of 18 victories and 23 defeats, and they were fifth in a 10-team league. They also had a five-game losing streak and the old feeling that things were closing in on them one more time.

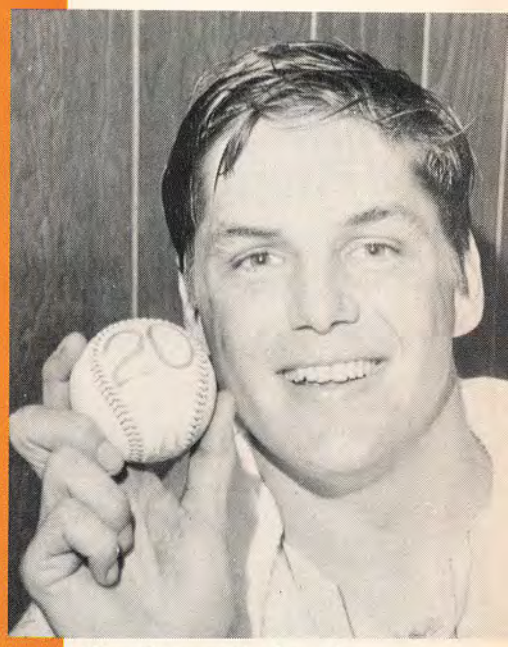
But then they roared. They went 11 innings to edge the San Diego Padres, 1-0. They swept three from the Giants. They swept three from the Dodgers. They went West with a seven-game winning streak, and promptly swept three from the Padres, won the opener in San Francisco and had an 11-game streak before they finally subsided.

Now, they stood second, seven games behind Leo Durocher and the Chicago Cubs. But, in a pair of series in Chicago and New York, the young Mets won four of six and surged toward the stratosphere in the summer when men walked on the moon. They were no mere intruders, either. They had the strongest arms in the business, pitching prodigies named Tom Seaver, Jerry Koosman and Nolan Ryan, and they dazzled the baseball world. And nobody dazzled more than Seaver, who delivered one of the moments of melodrama in Shea Stadium's history when he went eight and one-third perfect innings against the Cubs before Jimmy Qualls escaped from obscurity and singled with one down in the ninth.

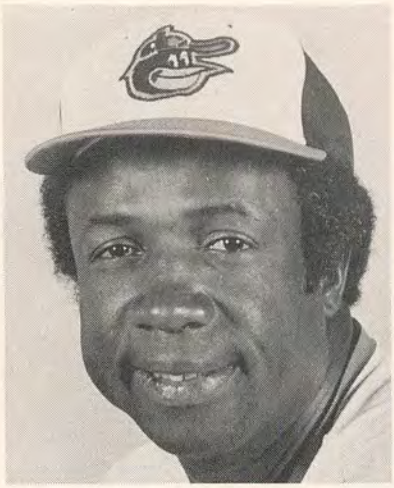
In the homestretch of an improbable race, the Mets and their young arms were overpowering. Seaver and Koosman won 20 of their last 21 decisions, and Shea suddenly was the home of stars. And, with remarkable propriety, Shea also was suddenly the home of great decisions: On September 24, Gary Gentry shut out the St. Louis Cardinals, 6 to 0, and the Mets were champions of the league's Eastern Division.

It was the first championship in the club's history, and two more big ones paraded across the Shea stage in the next three weeks. The Mets played the Atlanta Braves in the league's first divisional playoff, swept three games and won the most unlikely of pennants on October 6. Keep in mind, they were 100-to-1 shots who had won only 73 games (and lost 89) the year before. Now, with Gil Hodges calling the shots and the prodigies firing the shots, they won 100 games, lost 62 and blitzed their way past the Braves into the World Series.

They seemed to be confronted with tough times because the Orioles had one of the mighty teams in memory, with Frank Robinson, Brooks



Tom Seaver displays the ball he got the final out in recording his 20th win, first by a Met, 1969.



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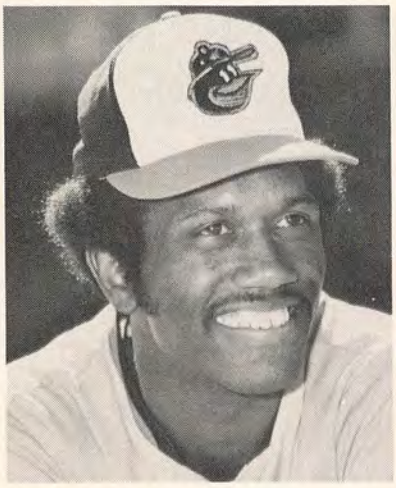

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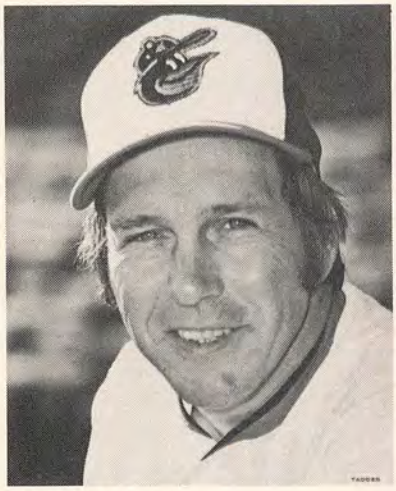


Brooks Robinson

Robinson, Paul Blair, Mark Belanger and a second baseman named Dave Johnson, plus pitching that had bamboozled the American League. But the Mets, after losing the opening game in Baltimore, resumed their far-fetched roll.

They squared the Series in Game Two in Baltimore, then came home for three afternoons that made history and legends. On October 14, they turned Shea Stadium upside-down when Gentry and Ryan outpitched Jim Palmer, 5 to 0, and took the lead in the Series. On October 15, Seaver outlasted four of the Orioles' pitchers and won in 10 innings, 2 to 1, after Ron Swoboda made a diving, suicidal, backhand, one-hand catch on the grass in right field and saved the day and probably the Series.

And, on October 16, Koosman outpitched Dave McNally, 5 to 3, and the men of the Mets stormed to their championship after seven years of wandering through the wilderness of baseball.

Frank Sullivan, the humorist and bard of Saratoga Springs, was moved to rhapsody, to wit:

Heroic kids! Embattled youth!
The town regards you with feelings couth
Come to our arms, you beamish boys,
The while we greet you with joyous noise
As, filled with festive joie de vivre
We drink to the prowess of Tom Seaver.

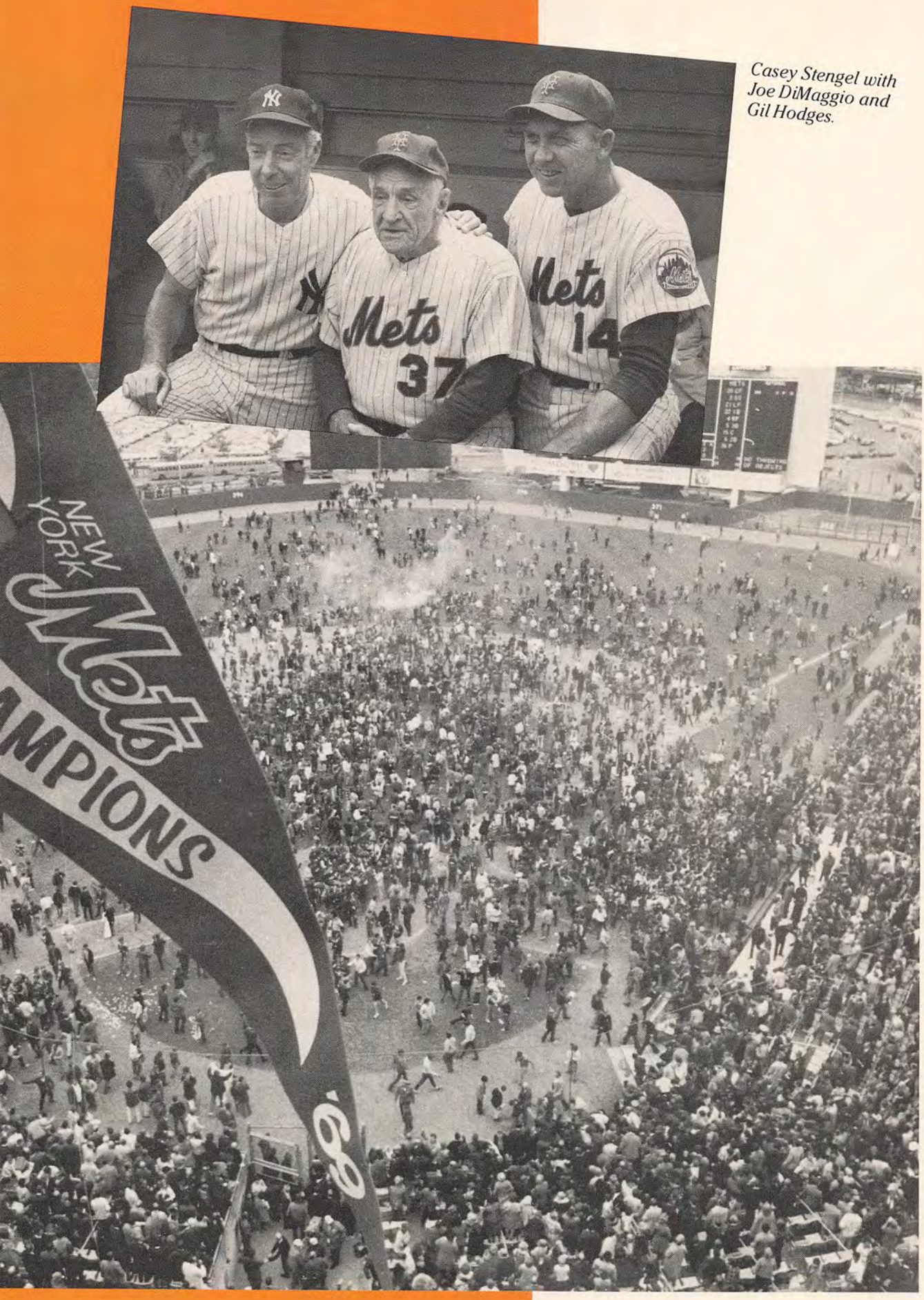
Joe DiMaggio, the old hero of the Yankees, who had thrown out the first ball of the final game, said: "I never saw anything like it."

Yogi Berra, another old hero of the Yankees, who saw it all from the Mets' first-base coaching box, said: "I never saw any team play the way this team played."

Tom Seaver, giving the view from the front trenches, said: "It was the greatest collective victory by any team in sports."

"It was a colossal thing that they did," Gil Hodges said, "These young men showed that you can realize the most impossible dream of all."

Mets first World Championship celebration, 1969.



Casey Stengel with Joe DiMaggio and Gil Hodges.

A baseball park, in the early years of the century, was a civic landmark, something like a university or the local library. It was the place where success or failure could be witnessed every afternoon, the place where our town upheld its honor against your town, the arena for conflict and sometimes mayhem.

The first steel and concrete baseball park was built at Twenty-first Street and Lehigh Avenue in Philadelphia, and Connie Mack moved his Athletics into it on April 12, 1909. It was a spacious place, and you had to give the ball a pretty good wallop to reach the fences: 360 feet down the foul lines, 393 feet in the alleys and 420 to center field.

The park was named for Ben Shibe, who had been a minority stockholder of the club years before, and a close friend of A.J. Reach, the longtime owner of the Phillies, sporting goods manufacturer und publisher of baseball guides. And he was given the distinct impression that the American League would use his baseballs exclusively if Shibe invested in the club again. He did, and the league did.

The second stadium to use steel and concrete instead of wood was built in Pittsburgh and was openend on June 30, 1909, less than three months after Philadelphia opened its new park. It was named Forbes Field, and the first pitch ever thrown inside its gates was hit for a single by Johnny Evers of the Chicago Cubs.

They had adventures in ball parks in those days, too. In fact, Forbes Field was built because Exposition Park in Pittsburgh tended to have too many adventures, notably the Allegheny River at flood tide. When the river spilled over, the outfield in Exposition Park often went under water. It happened on the Fourth of July in 1902, when 10,000 fans arrived for the morning half of the holiday doubleheader and found a foot of water across the outfield.

So, the Pirates consulted the visiting team, the Brooklyn Superbas, and they decided to go ahead and play. The only stipulation was that any ball hit into the lake in the outfield would be a grond-rule single. The Pirates won, 3 to 0.

By the time they were ready for the afternoon game, the water line had lapped to within 20 feet of second base. But they met that problem by conscripting a corps of small boys who kept wiping off the baseballs that skidded and sloshed. The Pirates won again, and the home team swept a high-tide doubleheader.

Barney Dreyfuss, the owner of the team, later recalled how the dangers of Exposition Park had been replaced by the grandeur of Forbes Field, and said:

"There was nothing there but a livery stable and a hot-house, with a few cows grazing over the countryside. A ravine ran through the property, and I knew the first thing necessary to make it suitable for baseball was to level off the entire field."

They did such a good job that the

Reach Baseball Guide was at a loss for words in trying to portray the splendors of the new stadium. But it did manage to report:

"The formal opening of Forbes Field was an historic event, the full significance of which could be better felt than described. Words must also fail to picture to the mind's eye adequately the splendors of *the magnificent pile* President Dreyfuss erected as a tribute to the national game, a beneficence to Pittsburgh and an enduring moment to himself. It has not its superior in the world."

The splendors of the magnificent pile, and of the similarly magnificent one in Philadelphia, were the envy of baseball. And especially of John T. Brush, the owner of the New York Giants, who soon was forced to build his own steel-and-concrete stadium when the wooden grandstand of his Polo Ground burned in April, 1911.

Brush was 65 and handicapped, but he drove through Broadway to his ball park, sat in his wheelchair among the ruins and then turned to his wife, a former actress, and said: "Elsie, I want to build a concrete stand, the finest that can be constructed. It will mean economy for a time. Are you willing to stand by me?"

Elsie was, and the next day Brush started work on plans for the major leagues' third stadium of steel and concrete. It became the home of the Giants again, and it remained their home until the close of the 1957 season, when they left town with the Dodgers for California. Four years later, the new team in town—the Mets—went into business in the Polo Grounds and shook down the memories for two seasons. Then it was 1964, and Shea Stadium threw open its gates.

"The stadium was supposed to be finished in 1963," Bob Mandt remembers. "In fact, when we mailed season tickets for the Polo Grounds that year, we sent only half of them, figuring we'd be moving into Shea in midseason.

"When that didn't work, Jim Thomson wanted a 'presence' in Shea in 1963. So, we moved a ticket office there in December, and the regular Mets' offices moved to the Travelers Hotel, across from LaGuardia Airport, from our Manhattan offices at 680 Fifth Avenue. The only problem was there was no heat, water or telephones in Shea.

"On opening day in 1964, they were still replacing divots on the grass and they were still painting the fences green. The paint didn't dry on time, and some of the players leaned against the fence and came away with splashes of green on their uniforms. Later, the color was changed to blue, but the players kept their distance that time."

In those days, the Mets had plenty of company in their home park. The Jets played football there from the first year, 1964, until the close of the season in 1983, when they split for the Meadowlands of New Jersey. The football Giants spent one season in Shea (1975) because their regular home then was Yankee Stadium and it was undergoing a major face-lift-

. between Giants and Red Sox.

ing. The Yankees, also dispossessed, spent the seasons of 1974 and 1975 as tenants in Shea Stadium before going home to their own house in the Bronx.

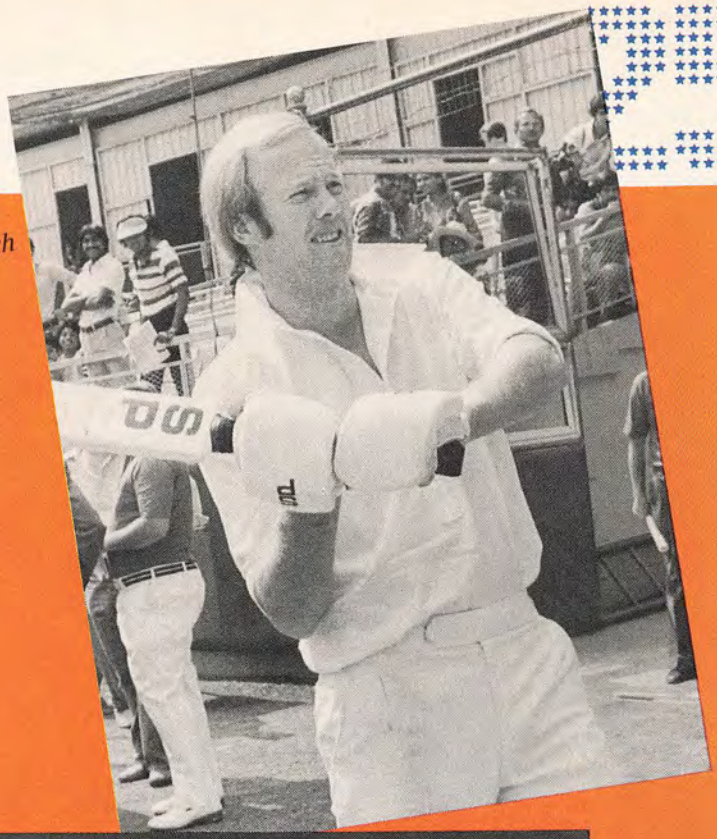
"The biggest crowd we ever had in Shea Stadium was 80,000 or more," Bob Mandt says. "We had it on July 16, 1978, for the final day of the five-day meeting of Jehovah's Witnesses. They were everywhere: in the stands, on the field, the most people we've ever had inside the park.

"The biggest baseball crowd we ever had was for a game in 1966, but you won't find it in the record books. It was for the Mayor's Trophy Game against the Yankees, and it was rained out twice. The first time, we had a sellout crowd plus standing room, and we naturally honored the rain-checks. But we figured a lot of people wouldn't come back when we rescheduled it, so we sold more standing room.

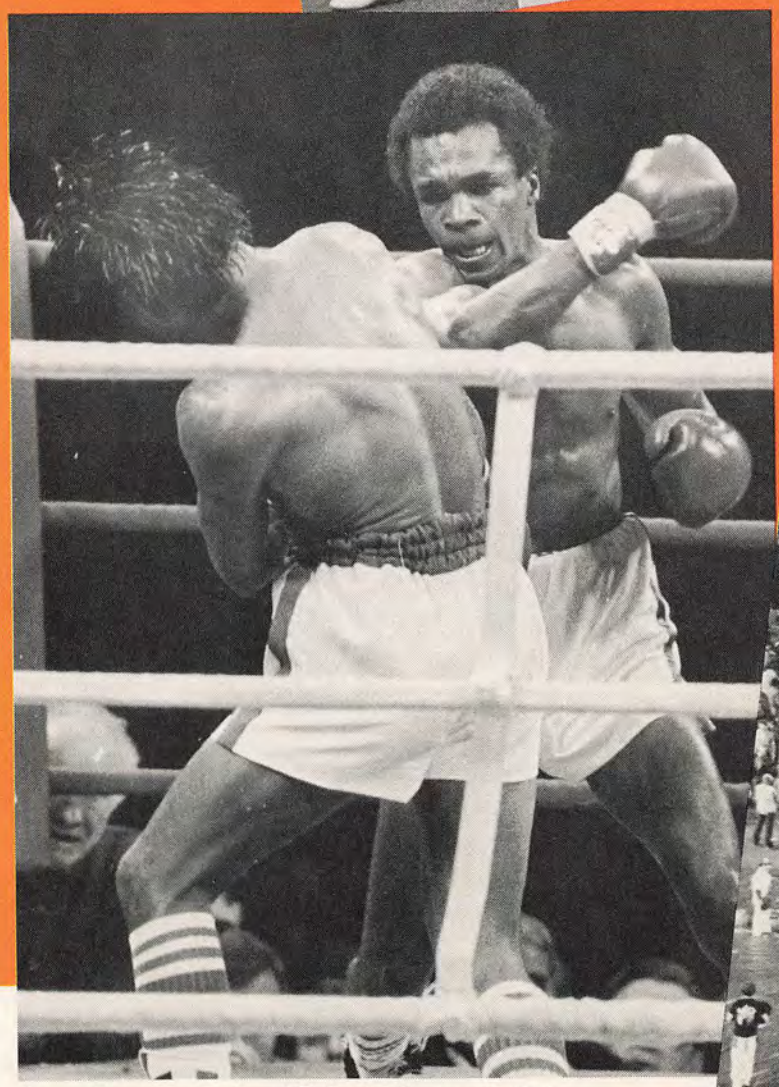
"What happened? It got rained out the second time. But we sold more standing room, and finally played the game later in the season. Everybody showed up. People with tickets, people with half-tickets, people with quarter-tickets from the first two rain-outs. They were hanging from the rafters, more than 60,000 of them, and we never had more in the house for a ball game."

They didn't always hang from the rafters, but a lot of people thronged a lot of events in the stadium. Down the years:

The Beatles (return engagement) drew 46,000 on August 23, 1966. This was one year after the Beatles had performed before their shouting, stomping audience of 53,275 and then had to run for their lives to escape their admirers.



Cricket match at Shea.



Sugar Ray Leonard and Roberto Duran during their WBC welterweight title bout, June 20, 1980.

YEARS OF THRILLS!

December 29, 1968. Jets and Oakland Raiders, American Football League championship: 61,531.

December 20, 1969. Jets and Kansas City Chiefs, playoff game: 61,191.

June 23, 1970. Billy Graham rally: 36,500.

July 9, 1971. Grand Funk Railroad: 47,200.

May 26, 1973. Roller Derby tripleheader: 20,283.

July 4, 1973. Newport Jazz Festival: 11,234.

November 9, 1974. Grambling and North Carolina A & T football game: 33,475.

June 6, 1976. Sound of '76 Concert: 40,000.

June 22, 1976. Argentina and Italy soccer game: 11,856.

June 22, 1976. Boxing and wrestling: 31,782.

August 17, 1976. Cosmos vs. Washington, soccer: 16,731.

September 9, 1978. Cricket match: 4,197.

June 2, 1979. Jesus 79: estimated 25,000.

October 3, 1979. Pope John Paul II on tour: 45,738.

June 20, 1980. Sugar Ray Leonard vs. Roberto Duran: 24,678.

October 12, 1982. The Who concert: 70,346.

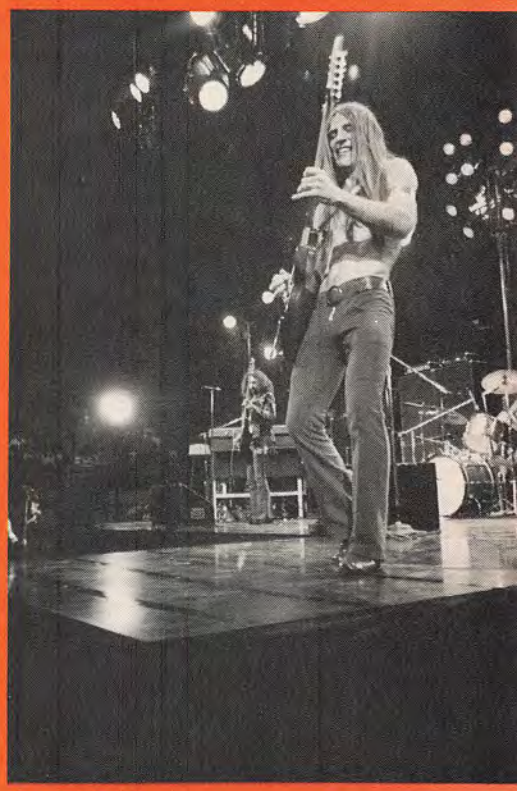
October 13, 1982. The Who (next day): 69,976.

August 6, 1983. Simon and Garfunkel: 37,946.

August 18, 1983. The Police: 66,404.

October 25, 1986. Sixth game of World Series, Mets and Boston Red Sox: 55,078.

October 27, 1986. Seventh game of World Series: 55,032.



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Pope John Paul II at Shea, 1979.

It's not always cheering crowds and standing room. Sometimes, a certain solitude and even privacy surrounds the performers in Shea Stadium. To wit: For the last six years, road-runners have somehow managed to create a 100-mile marathon course in loops and twists, inside the ball park and outside. It's booked as the 100-Mile Marathon, and it's been run with enthusiasm but with many empty seats. The estimated crowd for the first marathon was 100 spectators, and it's held right there ever since, except for 1984 when twice as many people were detected on the sidelines.

By contrast, the turnstile count and decibel levels zoomed when the Beatles took the Shea stage for the first time in 1965. Bob Mandt remembers: "No one heard the Beatles. The noise was so loud during the whole show that no one heard a note. And so many people came with flash cameras, it looked like bursts of light from the stands for the whole show."

Then there was the night the lights went out. It was July 13, 1977, and they went out all over New York in one gigantic blackout, and right in the middle of the ball game. But Bud Harrelson saved the show that time. With the field illuminated by car headlights from beyond the outfield fences, the little shortstop led his teammates in an infield "ballet" that lightened an otherwise dark time.

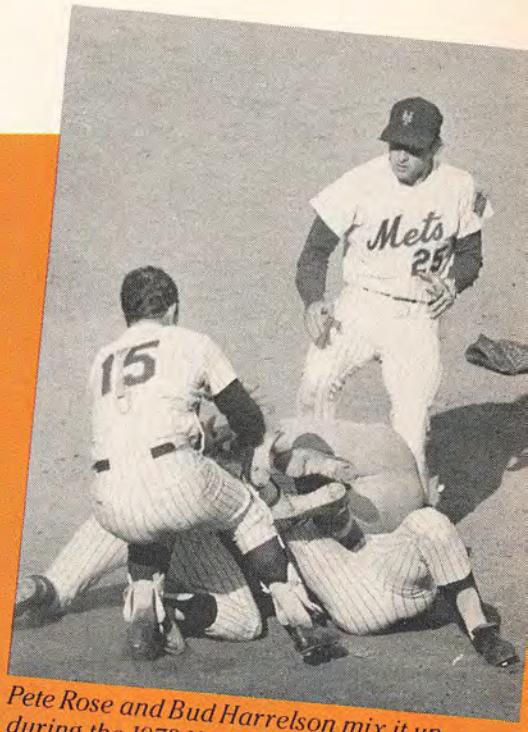
And there was the night when the Mets and Pirates found themselves shrouded in fog. It crept in, hung in the air above the ball park, screened the outfielders in an eerie haze and finally socked in the entire scene. The umpires figured it was too dark to play when Bill Robinson, playing left field for the Pirates in those days, utterly lost a fly ball in the soup. And everybody was sent home, groping in the fog.

Nobody could blame the elements, though, for the wild scene that surrounded the Mets and Cincinnati Reds in the playoff for the National League pennant in 1973 after Pete Rose tangled with Bud Harrelson in a sliding, wrestling confrontation at second base. Benches cleared, bullpens emptied, players milled and jostled and even swung. Then, after the Reds' left fielder was menaced by a bottle heaved from the stands, Sparky Anderson pulled his Big Red Machine off the field and refused to go on.

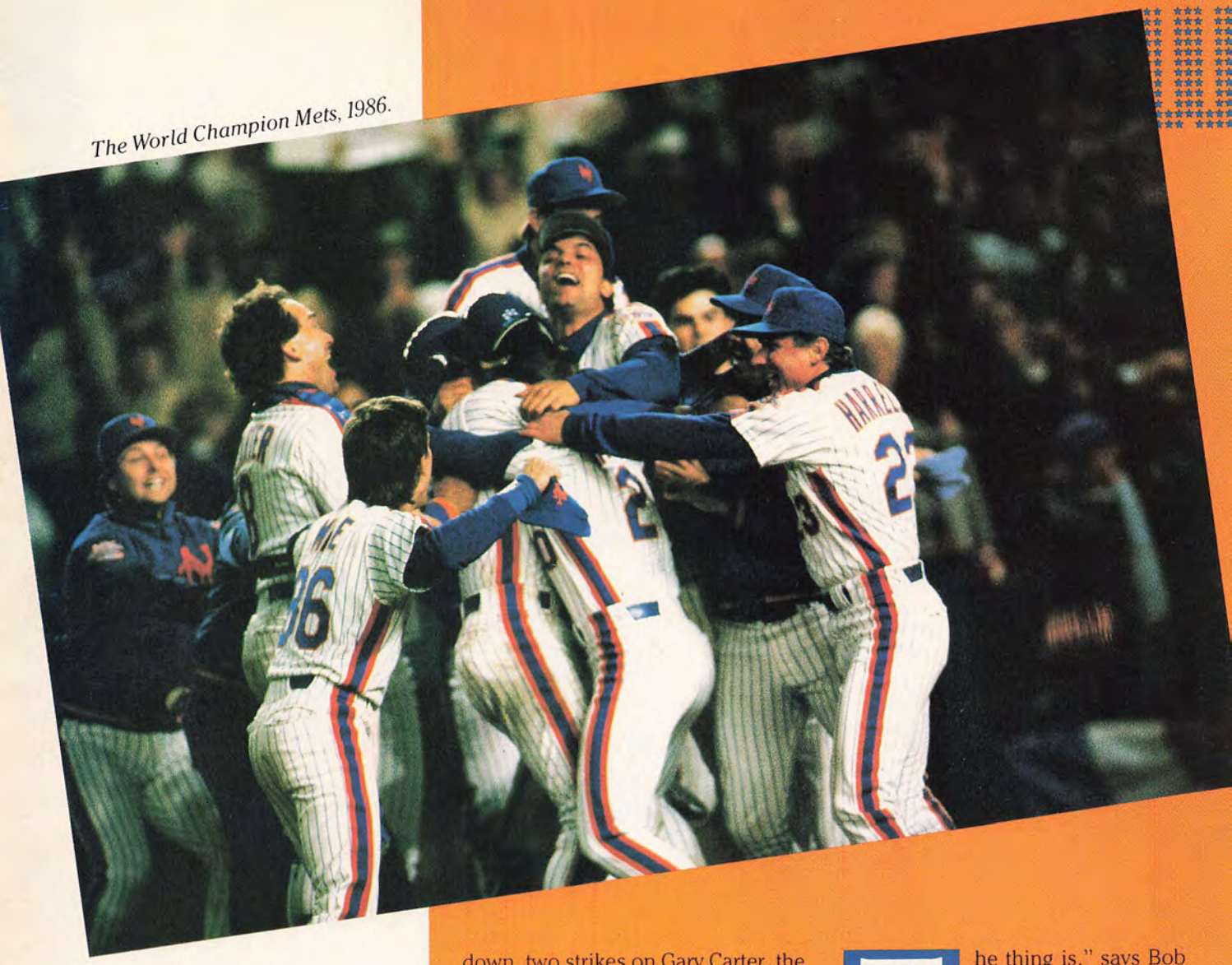
To restore order, the Mets went to their angry public with a remarkable peace delegation. It was led by Willie Mays and Tom Seaver, who marched out to left field and appealed to the multitudes for peace, arms outstretched, beseeching the fans not to inflame the passions, not to force the Mets to forfeit a game with the pennant on the line. And they didn't.

They didn't win the World Series that year, though, because the Oakland A's demonstrated one more time that they were fractious and even rebellious but also talented and immovable when it counted. After three frigid, dramatic games in Shea (two of which the Mets won), the teams went back to Oakland for the shootout—and the Mets lost two and the Series. But they forever engraved the battle cry in the hearts of their partisans and in the annals of Shea Stadium: "You Gotta Believe." And they did.

It was 13 years until the Mets made it to the World Series again, and this time they rose to majestic heights after returning home trailing the Boston Red Sox, three games to two. The Red Sox had to win one, the Mets had to win two, that was the equation. And with two down in the tenth inning of the storied Game Six, the Mets stood on the very brink: two runs



Pete Rose and Bud Harrelson mix it up during the 1973 National League playoffs.



The World Champion Mets, 1986.

down, two strikes on Gary Carter, the war apparently lost.

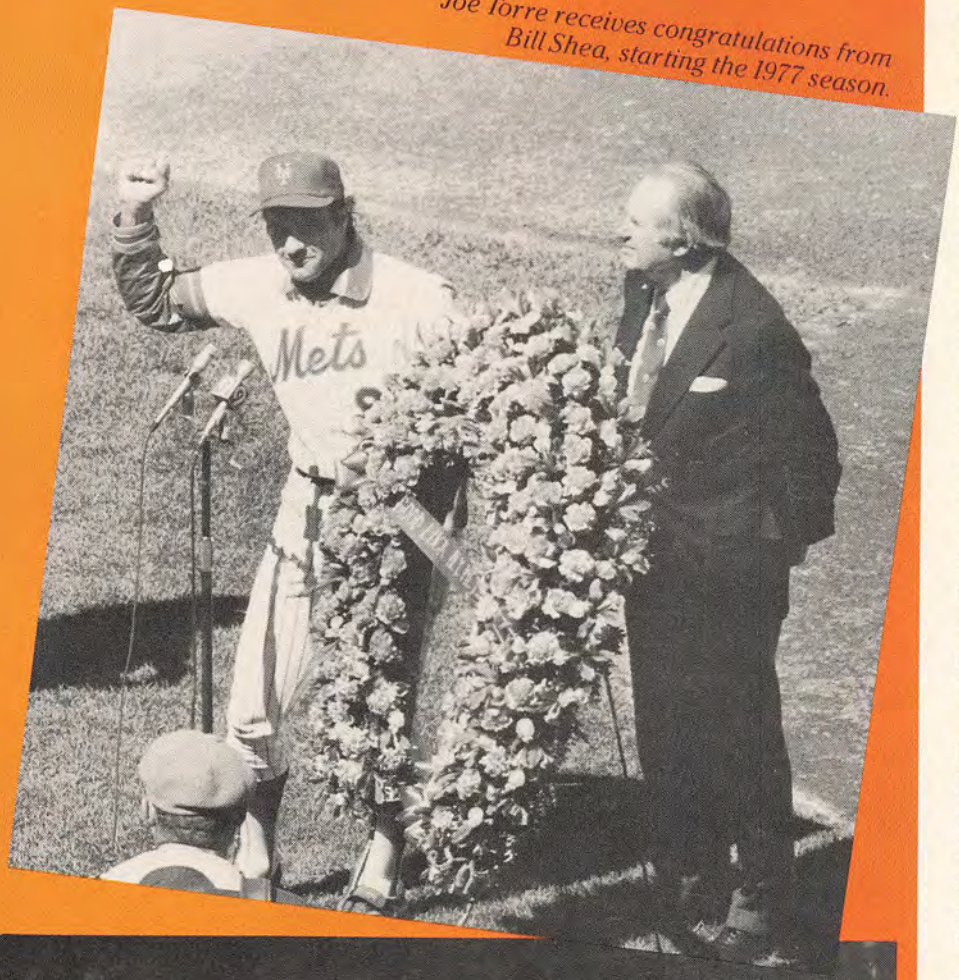
But in one of the shattering revivals in World Series history, the Mets rose up and struck for three runs and the game and a tie in the Series. It was the night that ended when Mookie Wilson curled a slow grounder behind first base, where the ball went through the glove of Bill Buckner and changed the course of fortune for both teams.

After that, there was probably no way the Mets could lose Game Seven, but they came close. The Red Sox scored three runs in the second inning, and stayed three in front going to the bottom of the sixth inning. Then the Mets broke through for three in the sixth, three in the seventh, two in the eighth. And they won for the 116th time in a season of sensational success.

"The thing is," says Bob Murphy, who has broadcast the entire quarter-century of drama in Shea Stadium, "it's the best place to work in baseball. The press level, where we work, is perfectly placed. The height's not too steep. The sight lines are clear. The access to everything is easy.

"It's also a fun place to work because the dimensions are so fair. The stadium favors neither the pitcher nor the hitter. And the winds aren't particularly tricky or difficult. It's as close to being a perfect ball park to work in as you'll find.

"The foul lines are true, and the field has been kept in magnificent shape through the years by Johnny McCarthy and Pete Flynn and their people. Even during the city's water



Joe Torre receives congratulations from Bill Shea, starting the 1977 season.

The original Met announcers, Ralph Kiner, Bob Murphy and Lindsey Nelson, 1964.

crisis, they dug their own wells and drew their own water to keep the field in condition.

"And the scoreboard in right field keeps you informed of all the other games. They don't just flash the scores. Other ball parks may have state-of-the-art boards with video and all that, but they don't keep the out-of-town scores on view. Without them, the drama's not complete."

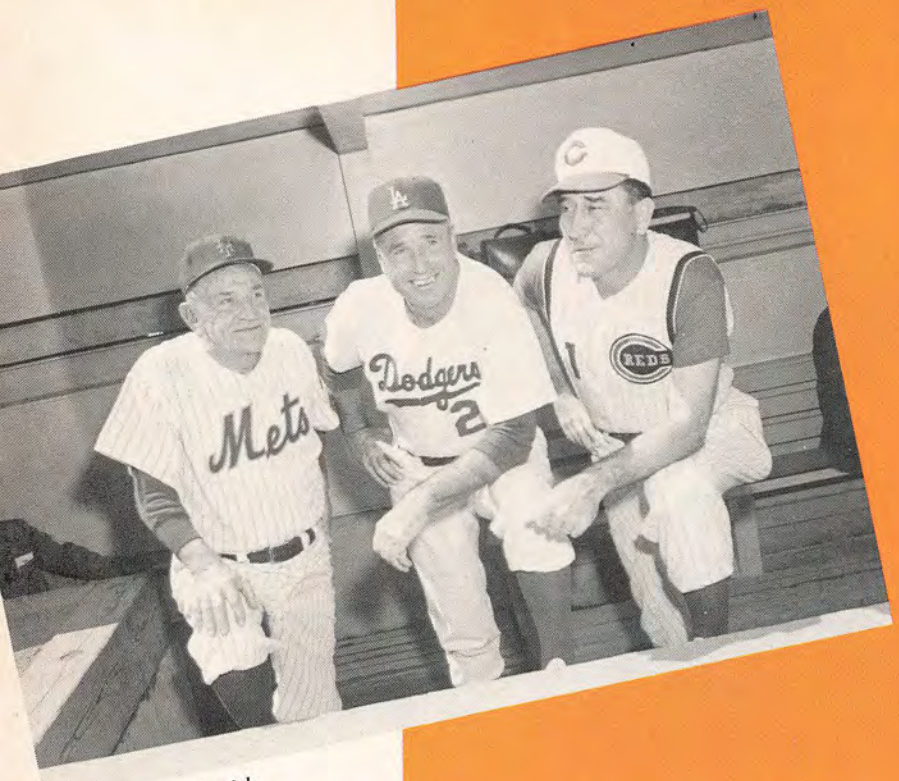
For 17 years, the drama of the Mets was portrayed on radio and television by one of the longest-running shows in town: Bob Murphy, Lindsey Nelson and Ralph Kiner. They were original Mets, and they remained teammates in the booth until Nelson packed his coats of many colors and went home to his Tennessee to teach, write and reflect. But they saw it all, from last place to first, from the Polo Grounds and Casey Stengel to Shea Stadium and Joe Torre. Then their broadcast team added new voices like Tim McCarver, Steve Zabriskie, Gary Thorne, Fran Healy and Rusty Staub, and the show ran on.

"In all those years," says Ralph Kiner, looking back on the years that followed his own career as a home-run champion headed for the Hall of Fame, "in all that time, the thing that stands out in my mind the most is the celebration when the Mets won in '69. The whole countdown to winning: the stretch drive, the capacity crowds, everybody starting to believe it's for real, it's happening.

"Beyond all that, there was the setting. The country was having problems. The war in Vietnam was at its peak. All kinds of trouble was piling up in New York City. But it became the year when men walked on the moon and the Mets won the World Series."

One thing was certain: The Mets did not live the simple life, either in 1969 or any other time. They became renowned as the masters of the far-fetched. Other clubs might win or lose in nine innings; the Mets regularly delayed their fate until the early hours of the morning.

On September 11, 1974, they set records for late hours when they endured 25 innings before losing to



Casey Stengel with Walter Alston and Fred Hutchinson prior to the 1964 All-Star game.

the St. Louis Cardinals, 4-3, not long before dawn broke over the city that never sleeps. That was the longest marathon in the ball park's history—so far.

On April 15, 1968, they went 24 innings before losing in Houston, and that's still their record on the road. But back in Shea, they went 23 innings with the Giants on that memborable May 31, 1964. And they went 18 innings at home with monotonous regularity. On April 28, 1965, they outlasted the Pittsburgh Pirates in 18 innings, 5-4. On August 26, 1980, they lost to the San Diego Padres, 8-6, again in 18 innings. On September 16, 1975, they edged the Montreal Expos, 4-3, once more in twice as many innings as normal. On August 1, 1972, they beat the Philadelphia Phillies, 3-2, in double time. And, for sheer futility, they went 18 with the Phillies on October 2, 1965, and nobody won or even scored.

There were long innings as well as long games, and the Mets never staged a longer one than the sixth inning in Shea on June 12, 1979. They went into the inning losing by 5-2, and came out of it winning by 12-5. That's right, they scored 10 runs. They made only five hits, but one of them was a three-run inside-the-park home run by Doug Flynn, and four other runs crossed on a double by Frank Taveras and a single by Richie Hebner. The Reds contributed two errors and, yes, the Mets won the game, 12-6.

Six general managers called the shots during this tumultuous time: George Weiss, once the mastermind of the Yankees; Bing Devine, once the mastermind of the Cardinals; Johnny Murphy, once the ace relief pitcher of the Yankees; Bob Scheffing, the onetime catcher and manager; Joe McDonald, who started as the team statistician, and Frank Cashen, the architect of the Baltimore Orioles' championship teams in the Nineteen Sixties and Seventies. He took charge of the Mets in 1980 after Nelson Doubleday bought the club from the family of Joan Whitney Payson, and became the architect of another championship team.

The men in the dugout during the quarter of a century in Shea were Casey Stengel, Wes Westrum, Salty Parker, Gil Hodges, Yogi Berra, Roy McMillan, Joe Frazier, Joe Torre, George Bamberger, Frank Howard and Davey Johnson, who arrived in 1984 and immediately shot the Mets into orbit.

Stengel set the tone of slapstick comedy when the Mets had few resources except for slapstick comedy, and he raised it to an art form that kept the public amused, entertained and immune to the early level of helplessness of the team. He would set the tone in spring training by standing in the center of the diamond during workouts and calling, like the pitchman at a carnival: "Come see my amazing Mets, which in some cases have played only semi-pro ball."

His Mets were amazing, all right. In 1964, they opened the stadium in April, played their 32-inning doubleheader in May, got nobody on base at all against Jim Bunning of the Phillies in June, played the All-Star Game in Shea Stadium in July (with Ron Hunt at second base) and raised cain in the pennant race in August and September as a last-place team cast in the role of public nuisance.

In 1965, Berra and Warren Spahn joined the club, Stengel broke his hip and retired, Ron Swoboda arrived as a rookie with muscles and hit 19 home runs, Jim Hickman hit three home runs in one game (which was unthinkable for the Mets) and Tug McGraw outpitched Sandy Koufax (which was absolutely unthinkable).

In 1966, young Ed Kranepool hit 16 home runs and clinched his reputation as the hometown hero on the hometown team; Ken Boyer knocked in 61 runs; Jack Fisher, Dennis Ribant and Bob Shaw won 11 games apiece (which was remarkable in those hard times), and Westrum led the club out of last place into ninth (which was astounding).

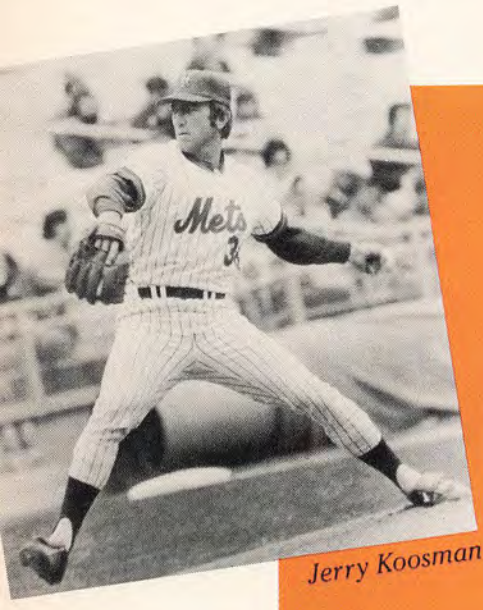
In 1967, the team fell back into tenth place, restoring some stability to the National League. But Tommy Davis came over from the Dodgers, hit .302 with 16 home runs and knocked in 73 runs. And a young rookie pitcher from the University of Southern California arrived, George Thomas Seaver, and he not only won 16 games but was voted Rookie of the Year in the National League and gave major credibility and probability to a team that was groping for both.

In 1968, Gil Hodges became manager and found himself with a last-place team but a first-class young pitching staff. It was led by Seaver, who won 16 games again and lost 12 with an earned-run average of only 2.20, and by the rookie sensation Jerry Koosman, a large left-hander from Minnesota who won 19 games and lost 12 with an earned-run average of 2.08. The staff ranked second in the league with 25 shutouts and fourth in the league with a 2.72 earned-run average. Another pitching prodigy, Nolan Ryan of Texas, struck out 133 batters in 134 innings and took his first strides toward becoming the greatest strikeout pitcher in baseball history.

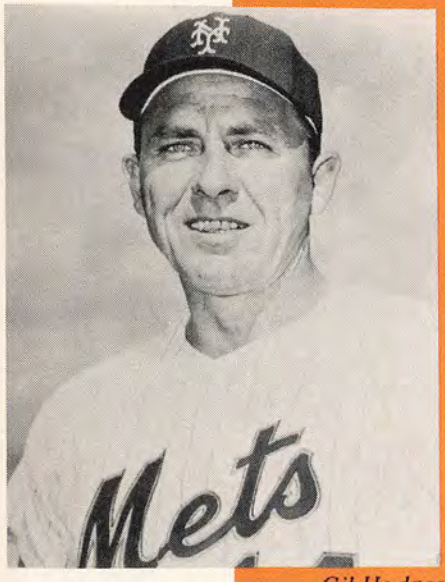
Next came 1969, the season of miracles, and Seaver won 25, Koosman won 19, Gentry won 13, Cleon Jones hit .340, Tommie Agee hit 26 home runs, the Mets became terrors and won 11 straight games and the last became first.

Tom Seaver receives the Cy Young Award for 1969 from Jack Lang.

Bud Harrelson crossing home plate during the 1969 World Series.



Jerry Koosman



Gil Hodges

1970: The Mets fought the Pirates and Cubs all season, but got no miracle this time. Yet, Seaver struck out his 19 Padres, Jones hit in 23 consecutive games, Agee scored 107 runs and hit 24 home runs, Donn Clendenon knocked in 97 runs and 2,697,479 persons paid their way into Shea stadium to watch. The attendance was a club record, and it stayed a club record for 15 years until the 1985 Mets drew 2,751,437 fans in the new era of Dwight Gooden, Darryl Strawberry, Gary Carter and Keith Hernandez. The record lasted only one year, until the 1986 Mets marched to their 108 victories and played before 2,762,417 fans at home. And, one year after that, the 1987 Mets soared to a new level of public fancy when they drew 3,027,121.

1971: Seaver won 20 games and struck out 289 batters. Jones hit .319 and led the club once more. Bud Harrelson won the Gold Glove as the league's best shortstop. Tug McGraw won 11 games in relief with an earned-run mark of 1.70. But the Mets finished third for the second season in a row.

1972: Gill Hodges suffered a fatal heart attack on April 2, just three and a half years after surviving a heart attack in his first season as manager of the Mets. He was succeeded by Yogi Berra, who soon was surrounded by veteran stars like Willie Mays, Rusty Staub and Jim Fregosi. In his first game as a member of the Mets, the great Mays hit a home run that crunched his old team, the Giants. The date was May 14. And three weeks later, the Mets held first place by five games. But they were totaled by injuries, and ran third for the third straight time.

1973: That's right, 1973, and you gotta believe this one. Felix Millan was playing second base now, and hitting .290. He was acquired from the Atlanta Braves along with George Stone, a pitcher with a deceptively tame style, who won 12 games, lost 3 and helped engineer another miracle. Tom Seaver won 19, struck out 251 and won the Cy Young Award for the second time. John Milner hit 23 home runs, Rusty Staub batted in 76 runs. But another siege of injuries removed Harrelson, Milner, Jones, Mays and Jerry Grote for most of the second half. And on August 5, the Mets were 11½ games out.

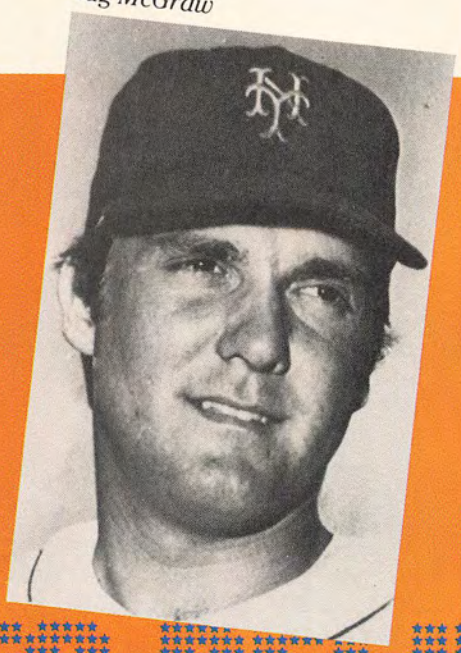
But this was the year when Tug McGraw told people they had to believe, and they did. McGraw did, too: In his final 19 appearances out of the bullpen, he won five games and saved 12. The Mets won 29 of their last 43, climbed resolutely from last place to first, where they arrived on September 21, and finally clinched the National League's East on a rainy day in Wrigley Field on October 1.

If you still have trouble with miracles of this kind, remember that this was the year when the Mets seemed headed for a critical setback on the night of September 20 in Shea when the Pirates unfurled a late "home run" to left field. The ball rose in an arc, dropped toward the fence, struck the very top of the fence, refused to skip over the fence and instead took a crazy bounce back toward left field into the hands of Cleon Jones, who wheeled and fired a peg to the plate for the out that saved a game and dumbfounded a nation.

For the next 13 summers, Shea Stadium played a sometimes stunning mix of comedy and tragedy, but no new pennant waved from the flagpole in center field. Jon Matlack pitched seven shutouts in 1974, Rusty Staub hit 19 home runs, John Milner hit 20 and Benny Ayala became the first Met to hit a home run in his first time at bat.

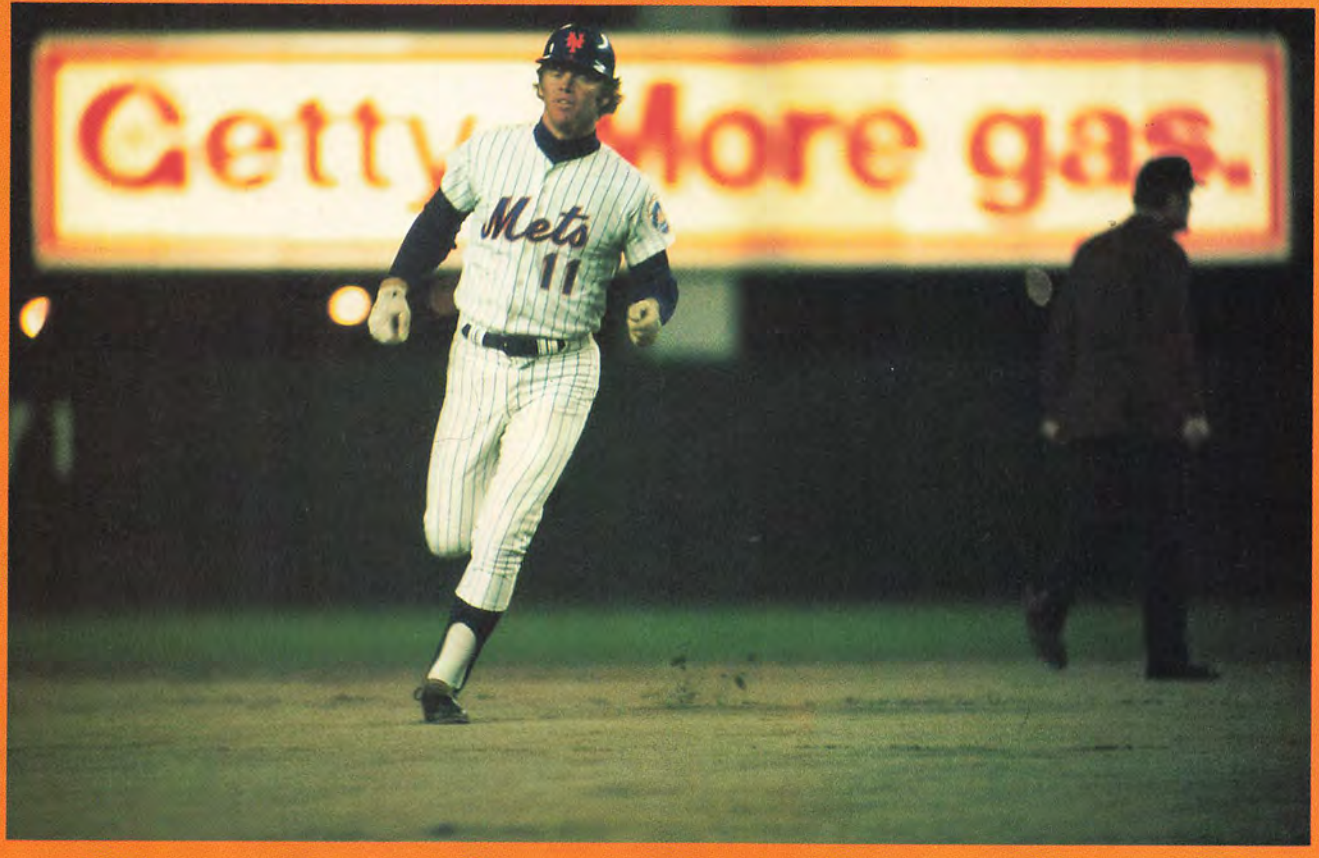
Jon Matlack

Tug McGraw



THE GETTY ERA

Wayne Garrett circles the bases after hitting a home run in game 3 of the '73 World Series.



SEVENTIES

Rusty Staub

Dave Kingman arrived in 1975 and hit 36 home runs. Staub knocked in 105 runs, and became the first Met to cross the threshhold of 100. Seaver became the first pitcher in history to strike out 200 batters for eight straight years.

One year later, Kingman set a club record with 37 home runs, Koosman won 20 games, Joe Torre hit .306, Mickey Lolich arrived from the Detroit Tigers and Seaver kept rolling along, striking out 200 or more for the ninth straight year.

But still no cigar. Nor did things improve radically in the next few years, which saw the Mets mired in sixth place for three seasons running. Willie Montanez arrived with his home-run trot. Lee Mazzilli arrived with his poster-boy look. Joe Torre became the first playing manager in the big leagues in 19 years. Tom Seaver was traded to Cincinnati, and Dave Kingman to San Diego on the same night.

The Seventies turned into the Eighties. Diamond Vision appeared in left field in 1982. Dave Johnson appeared in the home dugout in 1984. And he aimed the Mets toward a new rendezvous with destiny.

Roger Maris, Duke Snider, Willie Mays and Ralph Kiner at Old Timers Day, 1980.

TRIVIA

William A. Shea, distinguished son of Georgetown University and the Georgetown Law School, senior partner in the prestigious Madison Avenue law firm Shea Gould, counselor and confidant and the man who brought National League baseball back to town, remembers the events and the emotions that led New York to build it: the William A. Shea Stadium.

"The whole idea of the stadium in this area was for the World's Fair," he said. "Bob Moses had this spot picked out way back in 1957. This is the spot where he wanted the ball field, with existing roads at the World's Fair that he was planning for 1963 and '64. He offered it to the Brooklyn Dodgers, but they were leaving for Los Angeles, and they left.

"That's when Branch Rickey thought up the Continental League as a third major league. You know, so that it could continue to be the National Pastime. I brought the Paysons in. Joan Payson, one of the great things that happened to baseball, a great lady, a true fan. If it wasn't for her, we'd never be here. We'd never be in baseball."

But the Continental League could not rush the ramparts and force its way in. So, in the debris of Rickey's grand design, the National League agreed to expand from eight teams to ten and to admit New York and Houston. Now all they needed in New York was a place to play.

"We had to have a place to play," Bill Shea said. "We had to have a stadium to get the franchise. And, in 1960, the National League wanted to know if we had a place to play and could guarantee it.

"We had the place, all right. Remember that Bob Moses had this site picked out as part of his plan for the Fair. He did it as the state's Parks Commissioner, one of many posts that he held in public life at the time. And he was working with the city Parks Commissioner, Newbold Morris, the former President of the City Council, who had been suggested to Mayor Wagner as the Parks Commissioner. That is, suggested by Bob Moses.

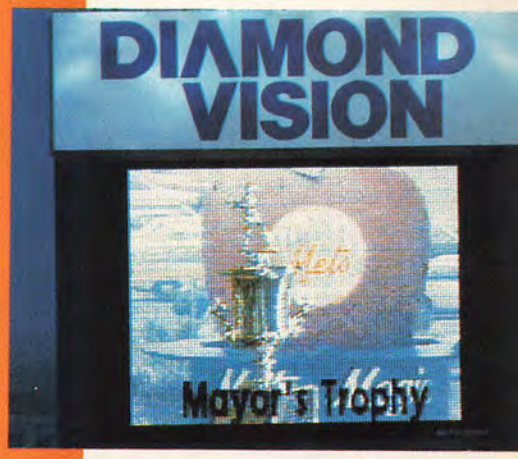
"Anyway, to allow the city to use park land for baseball, the battle for the stadium had to go through the Legislature. It involved both the city and the state. The first time, it was turned down by the Legislature. The upstate people in the Legislature voted against it."

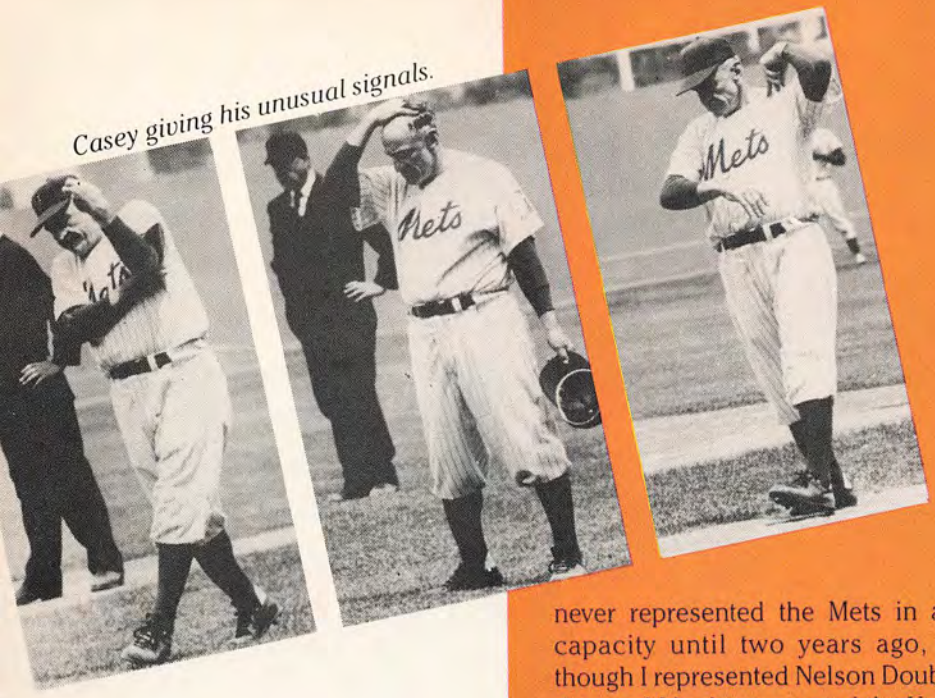
To many people, the high moment of the hearing in the Legislature came when Bill Shea testified. He was asked if he had any personal interest in the project, and he said no. He was pressed on the point, and he replied: "No, but I do remember that Mrs. Payson promised me the tomato concession for the first time Walter O'Malley came into town with the Dodgers."

He got a laugh and, more important, got a stadium. Then the ball was tossed to the City Council, and the stadium got a name.

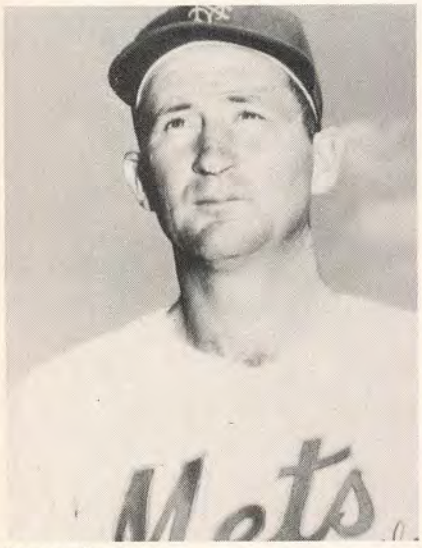
"The Council held hearings on the ball park," he recalled. "And Mr. Rickey testified that the stadium should be named for me. So did Jim Farley and Bernard Gimbel, who served on the committee with me. The Council voted it. The only question that was raised that I can remember was that somebody felt it shouldn't be named for anyone who was still living. But there wasn't anything I could do about that.

"At the time, I was honored by the decision to name it for me, but I didn't realize how much it meant. I





Casey giving his unusual signals.



Roger Craig

never represented the Mets in any capacity until two years ago, although I represented Nelson Doubleday, and I had represented the Yankees for 15 years. I got into this because I'd done legal work for the Dodgers while they were still in Brooklyn. At least, the firm I was with in those days did work for the Dodgers, and it involved me.

"Now, here we were. The Dodgers went West and took the Giants with them. New York was stunned, and felt it had been abandoned. Now we were creating a new franchise to take the place of the Dodgers and Giants, and we were building a stadium for the new franchise."

So, the stadium was built, the team was recruited, the New York Mets were born.

They went into the business of baseball in the season of '62, and went into business in the Polo Grounds, which the Giants had evacuated when they moved to San Francisco. This was a holding pattern for the Mets because their new ball park in Queens would not be ready for two years, but the countdown to Shea Stadium was on.

History notes that the Mets selected 22 players in the "expansion draft," which was the system set up for providing players for the new clubs in New York and Houston. They were allowed to buy four players from the existing clubs for $125,000 each, 16 players at $75,000 each and two more at $50,000 apiece.

In the top bracket, the Mets selected Jay Hook, the pitcher, from the Cincinnati Reds; Bob Miller, another pitcher, from the St. Louis Cardinals; Don Zimmer, the infielder and future manager, from the Chicago Cubs, and Lee Walls, the outfielder, from the Philadelphia Phillies. They were the best of the bunch. At least, the most expensive of the bunch.

In the middle group, the Mets selected some famous names, past and future: Roger Craig, who later became the manager of the San Diego Padres and San Francisco Giants; Gil Hodges, destined to become manager of the Mets six seasons later, and Clarence (Choo-Choo) Coleman, the legendary sign-painter and catcher.

The team then lost 120 games the first summer, 111 the next summer and 109 the third. It was improving, gradually, agonizingly. Then it lost 112 games in Season No. 4, and progress reversed course. But then, Rome wasn't built in a day, either.

Casey Stengel had a compelling way of teasing greater things out of his troops, turning their shortcomings into goals for nobility.

"You won 50 games last season," he reminded them, without complaining. "Now, let me ask you: Why couldn't you win 60?"

They eventually did. But, meantime, they transferred their shortcomings and their goals into their gleaming new stadium in Flushing in time for the 1964 season.

"Bob Wagner was the mayor then," Bill Shea said, tracing the roads that led to Shea Stadium. "In the Polo Grounds the first two seasons, he threw out the first ball. But when we moved into the new ball park in '64, he suggested to Joan Payson that I throw out the first ball, and I did. What kind of pitch did I throw out? Very easy."

But before he threw out the ceremonial first pitch, Bill Shea staged another bit of history when the stadium ground was dedicated on April 16, the day before the opening game.

"I went and drew a pitcher of water from the Harlem River," he said, "and then went to the Gowanus River in

Brooklyn and got a pitcher of water from it. And at the dedication, I poured the water from the two rivers onto the ground near first base in the new stadium, combining the Giants and Dodgers with the Mets. We were the descendants, the survivors, the successors.

"Casey Stengel watched me pour the water from the two rivers, and he came over and said: 'No grass will ever grow on this spot.' "

But three National League pennants sprang from the soil on that spot, and two world championships, and countless memories and many meanings.

"Now, 25 years later," Bill Shea reflected, "you are a different person, and you have a different perspective. The success we had, not just winning in 1969 and 1986, but the success you had in becoming a very important part of New York. The Mets.

"And that's the most meaningful memory of them all: winning in 1969 when no one expected that we'd ever win."

Bill Shea peered back through the quarter of a century of the stadium that carries his name, a quarter of a century of memorable events and memorable performances on the great stage in Flushing Meadow.

"The afternoon we won the World Series in 1969," he remembered. "I had to go into the city before coming back for the victory party in the stadium that night. The confetti, the ticker-tape, the celebrating.

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Shea Stadium under construction.

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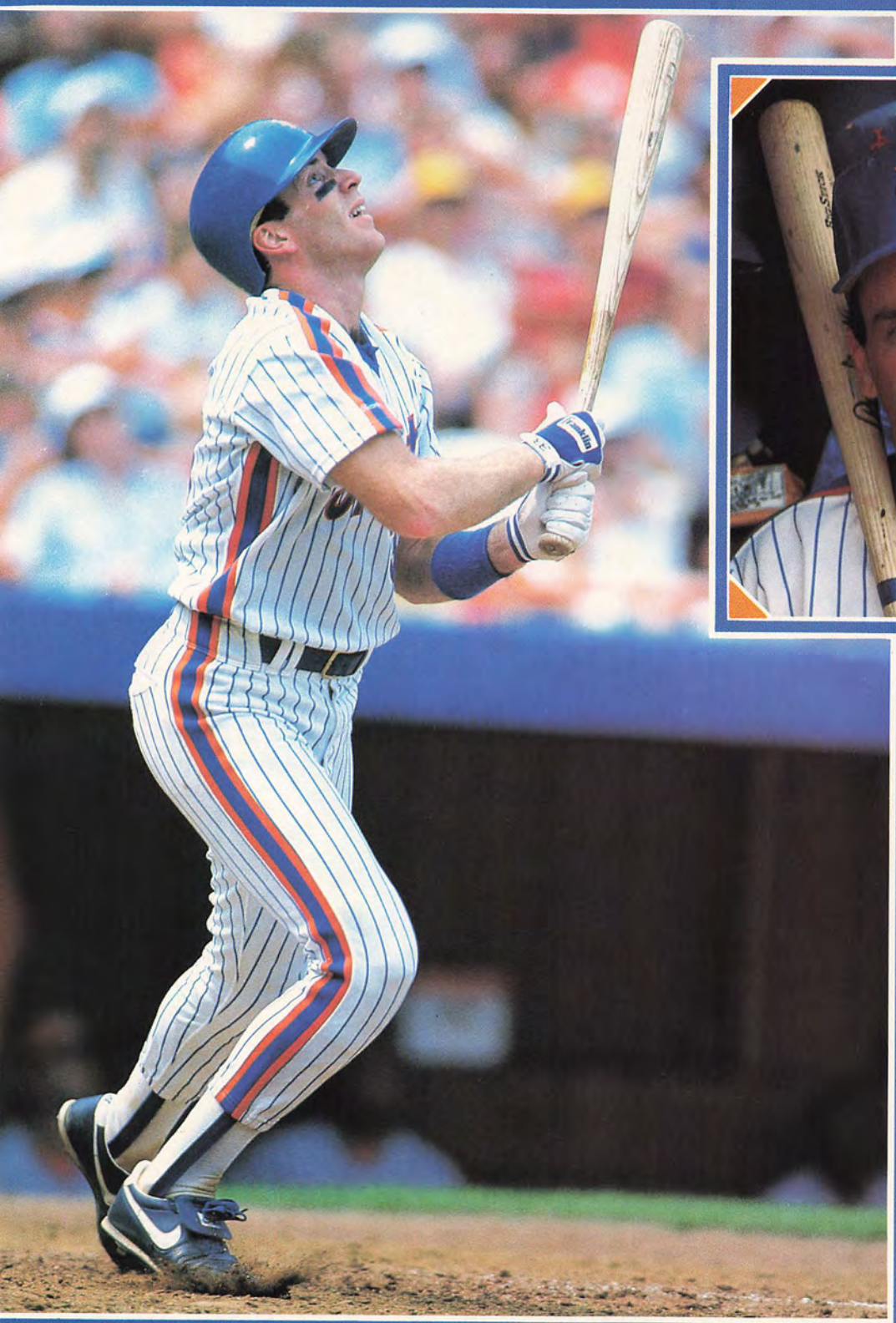

Born: June 3, 1960, Biloxi, MS. My most memorable career moment: "When I hit a grand slam home run against the Giants." (August 20, 1987)

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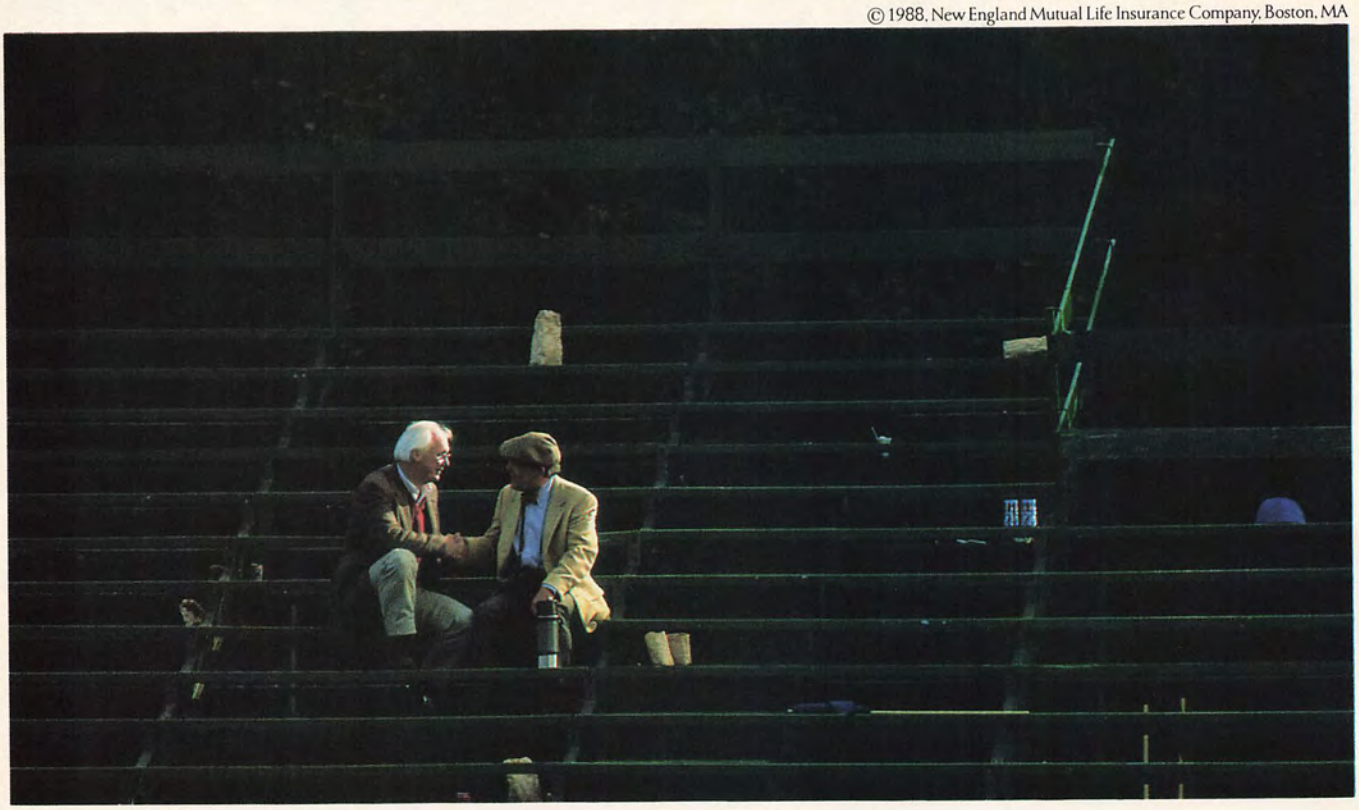

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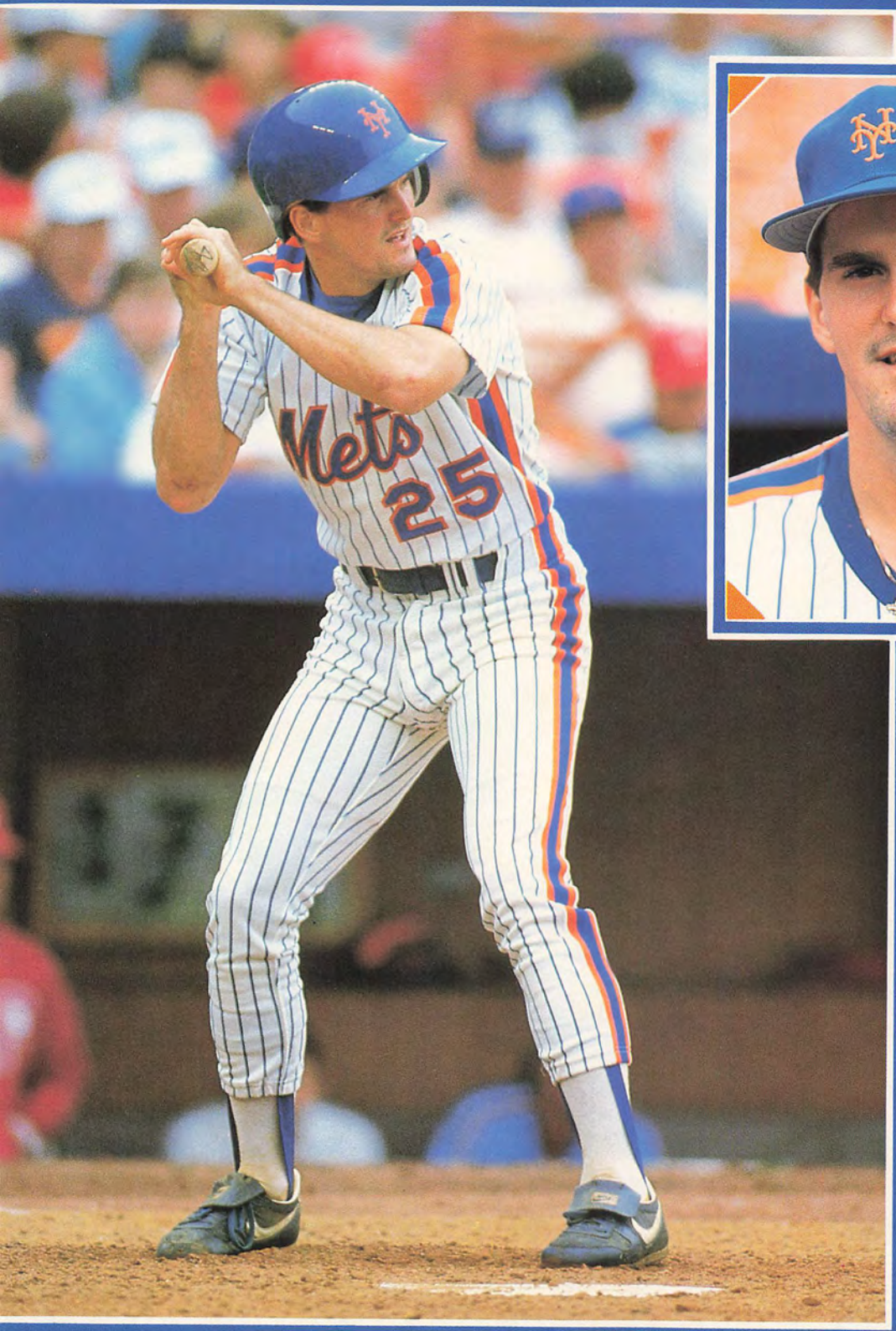

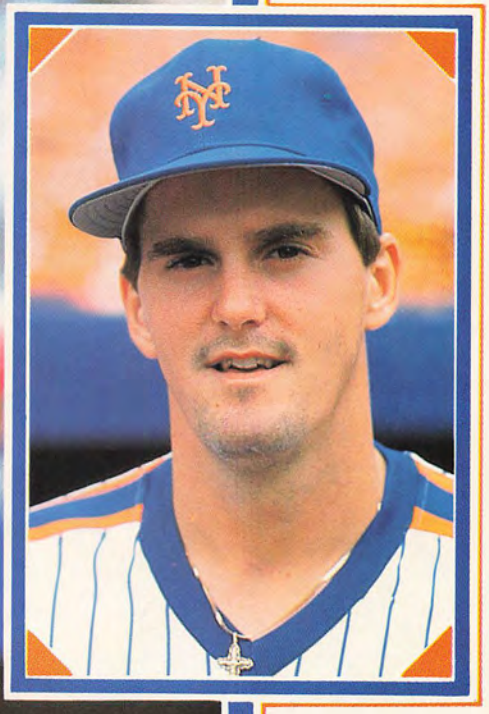

Born: June 12, 1963, Midland, MI. My most memorable career moment: "When I went 2-4 in my major league debut."

Keith Miller

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Born: September 22, 1959, Hillsboro, OR. My most memorable career moment: "Playing in the League Championships and winning the World Series."

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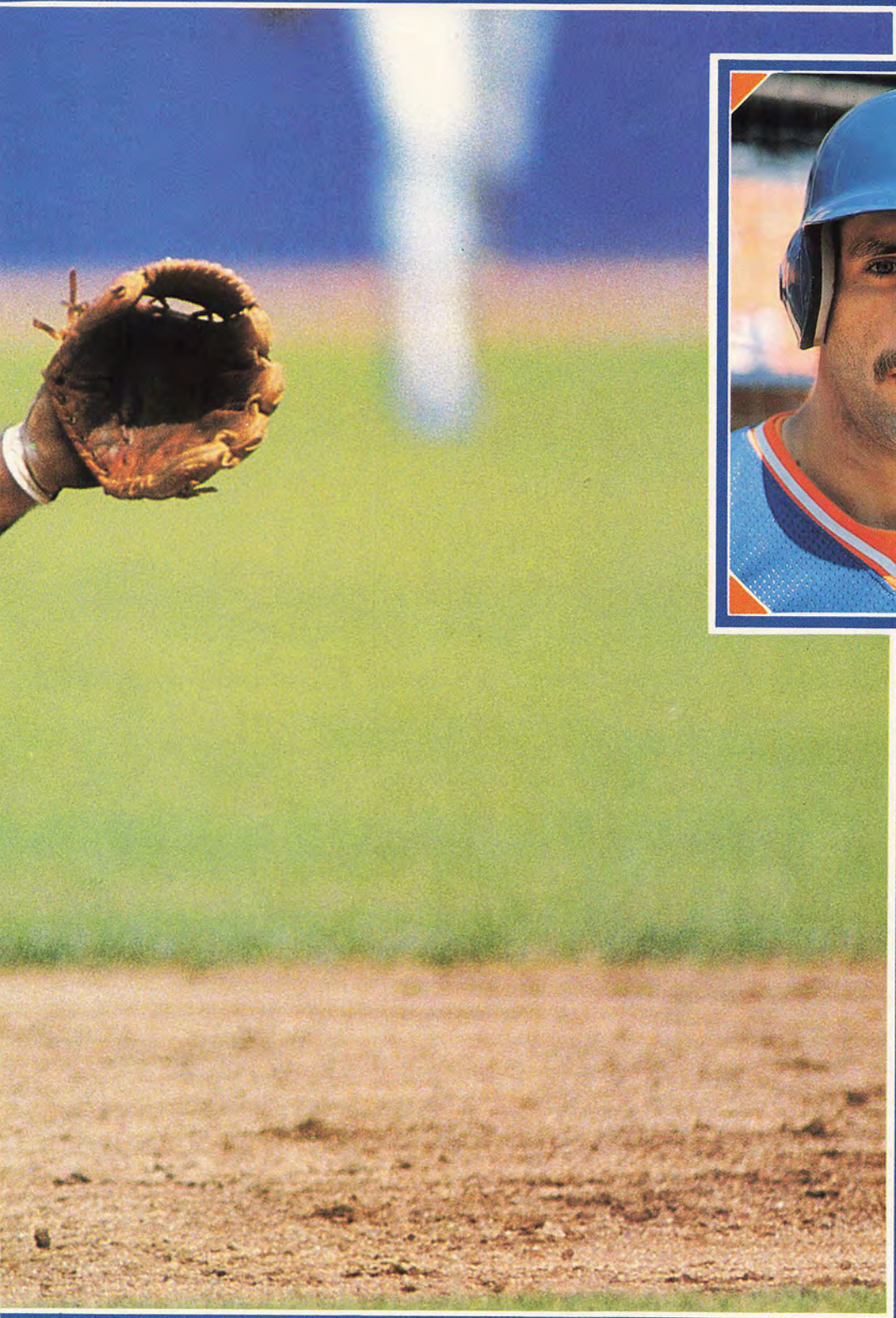

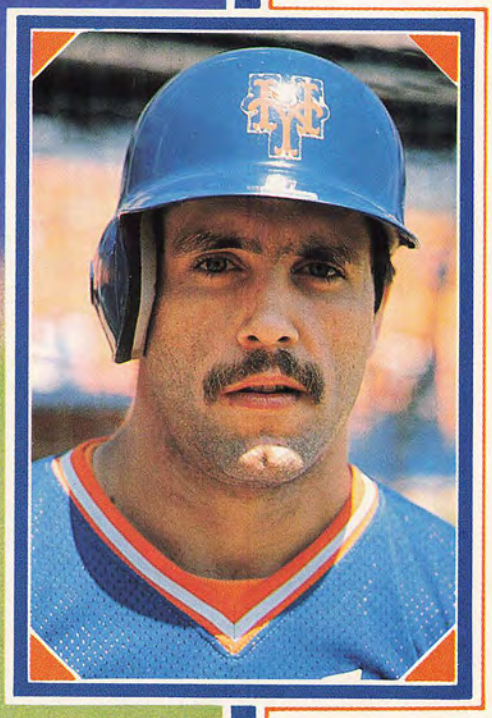

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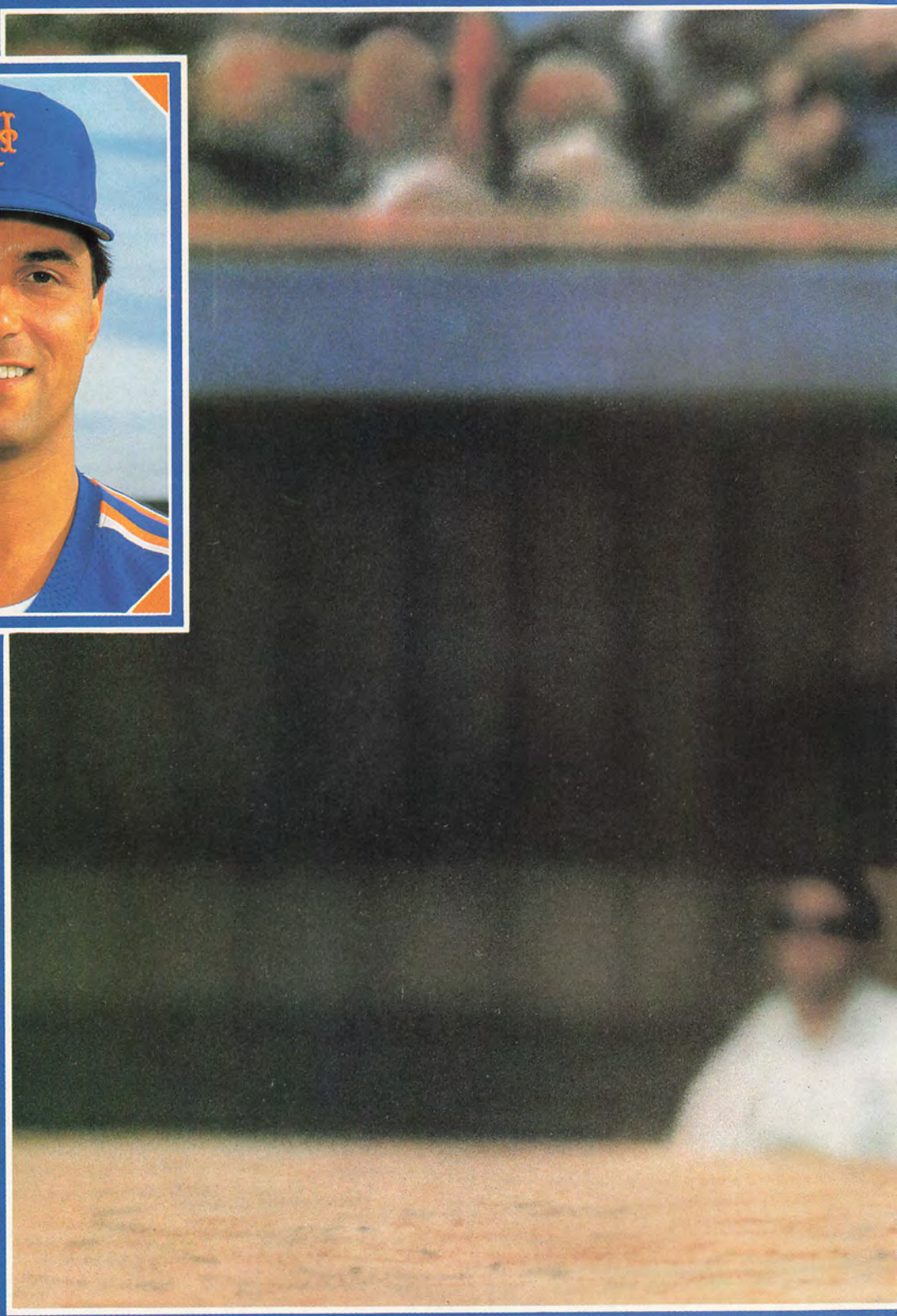

Born: March 25, 1955, New York, NY. My most memorable career moment: "My first call to the majors on September 8, 1976 when I pinch-hit a three-run home run against Chicago."

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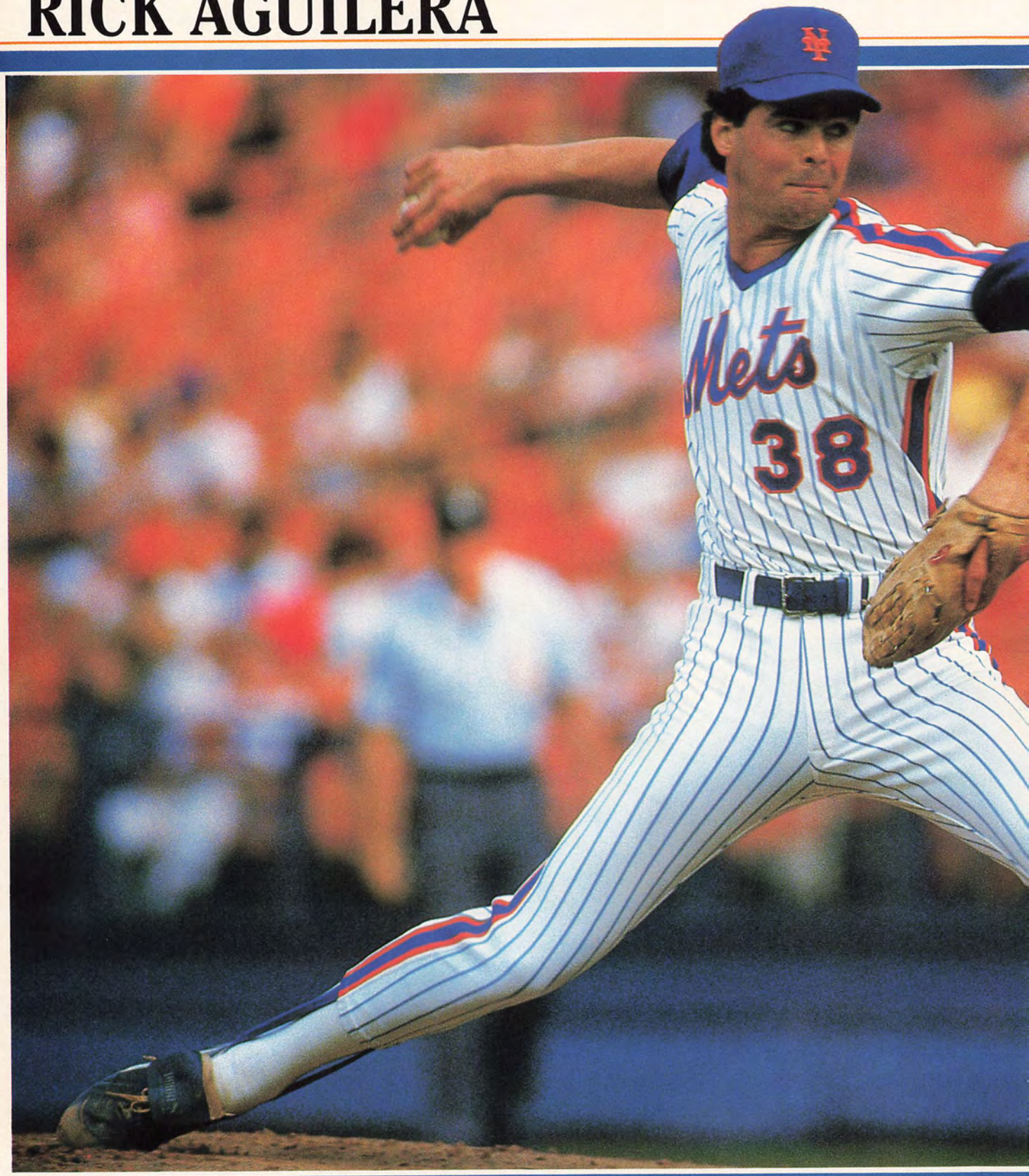

Born: December 31, 1961, San Gabriel, CA. My most memorable career moment: "My first win in my big league debut and my first home run." (June 12, 1985 and June 6, 1986).

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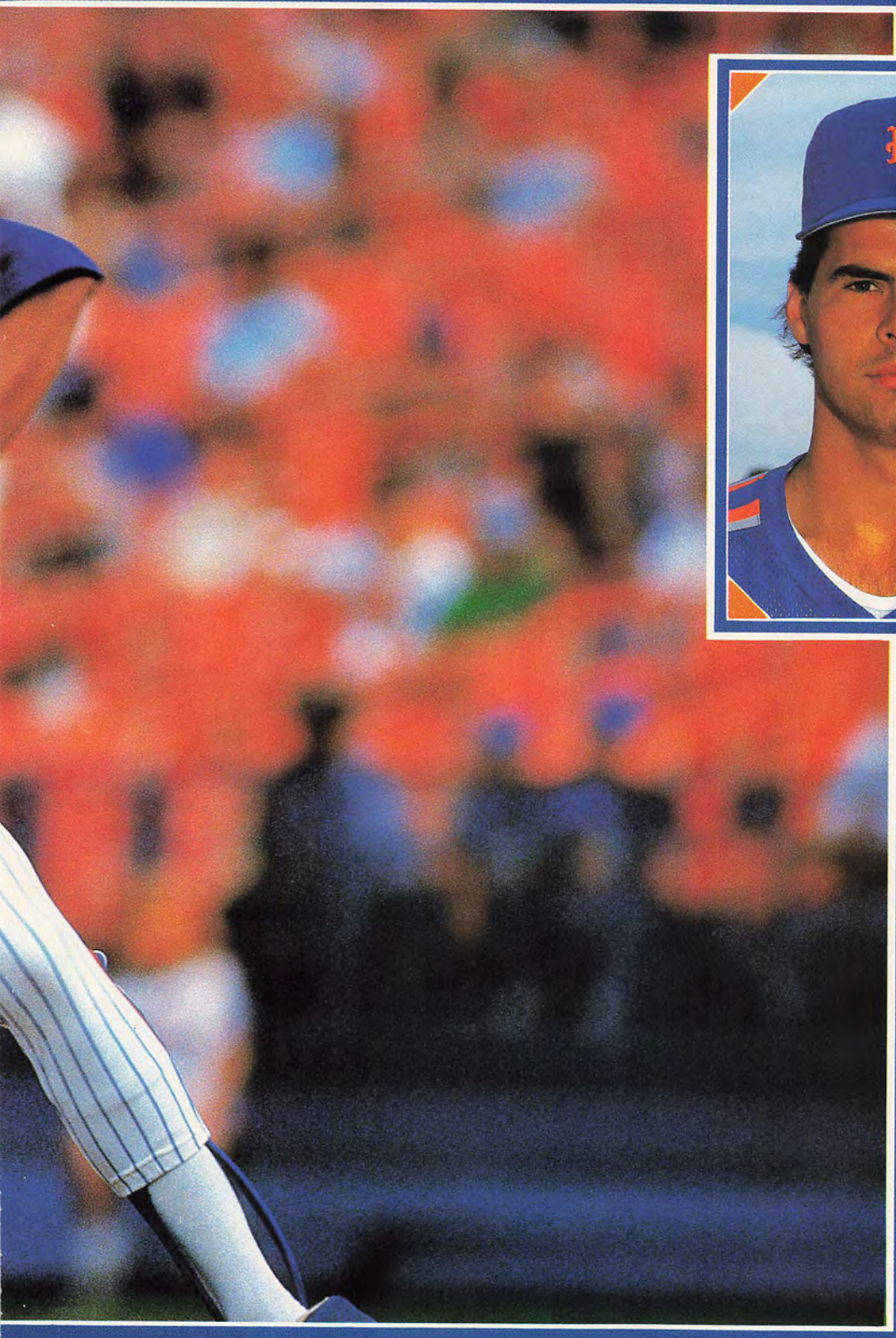

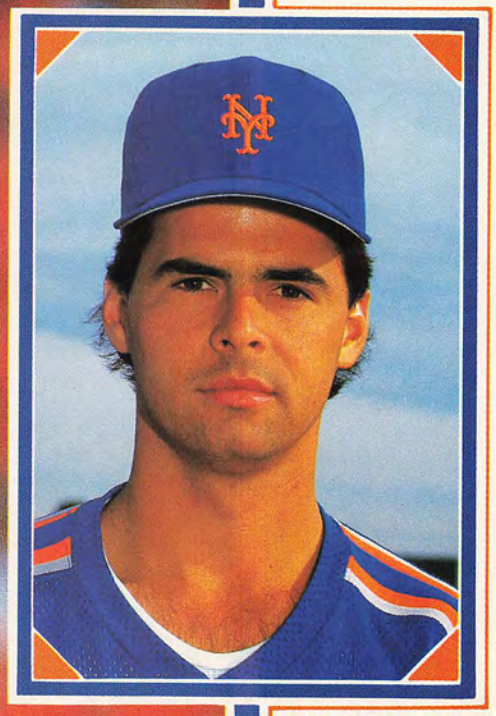

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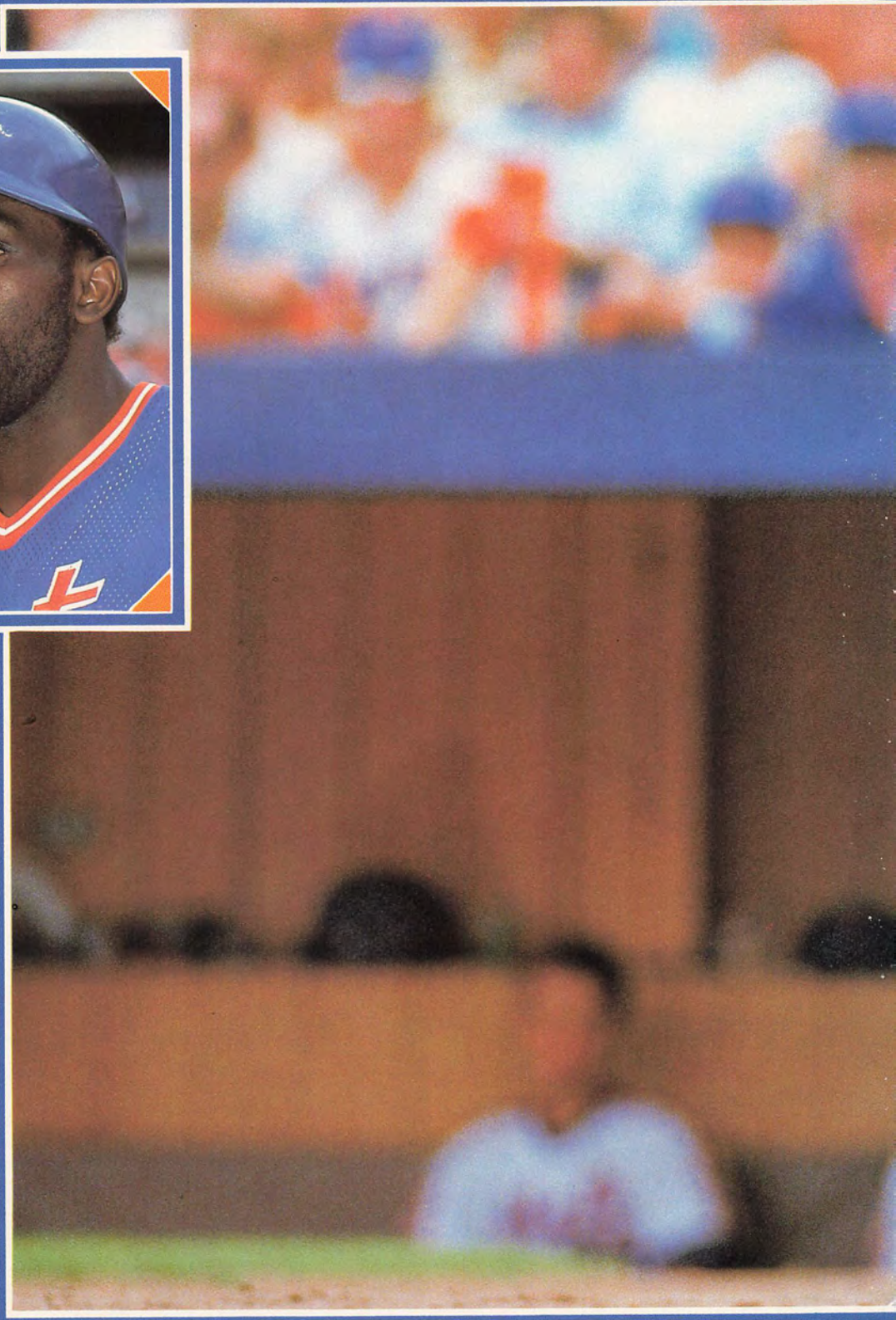

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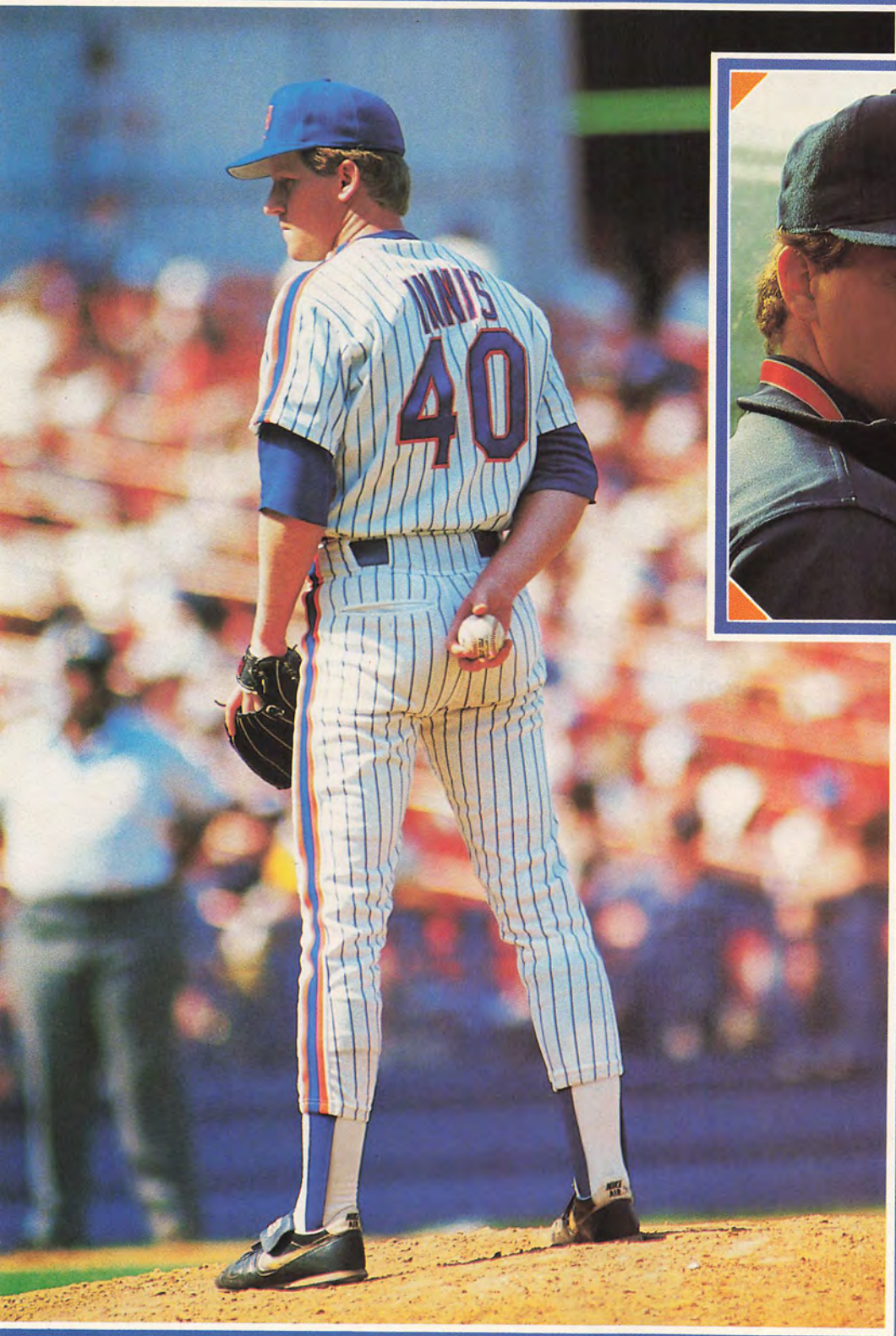

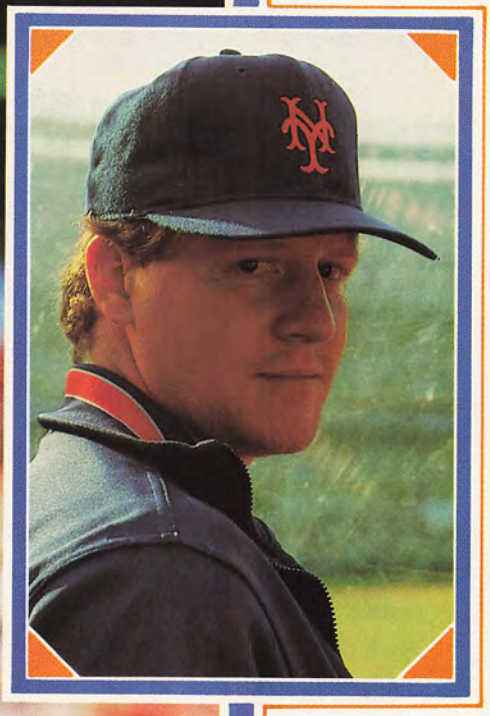

Born: July 5, 1962, Decatur, IL. My most memorable career moment: "Pitching in my first major league game. . . which I lost." (May 17, 1987)

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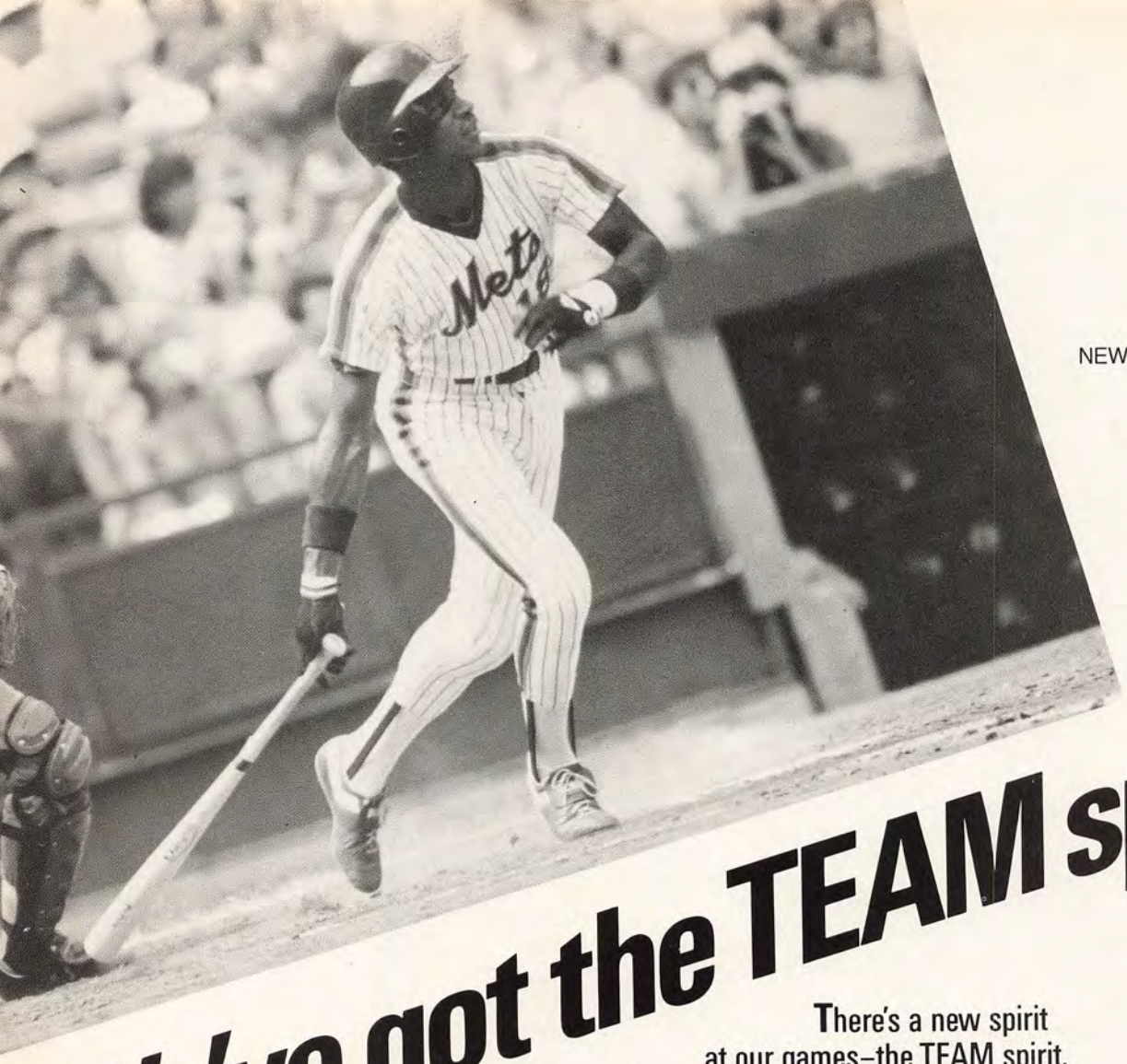

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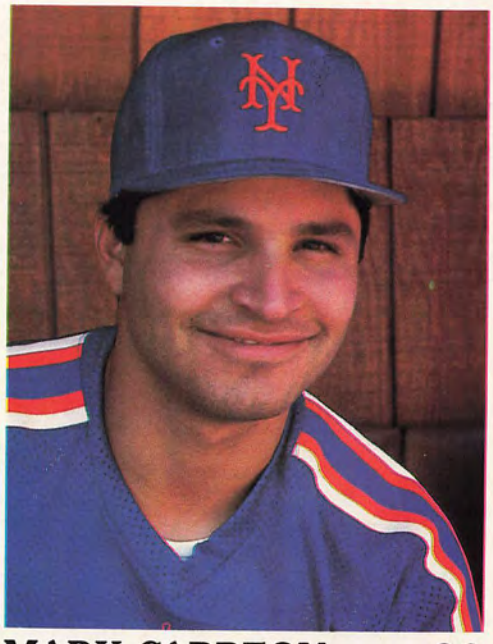

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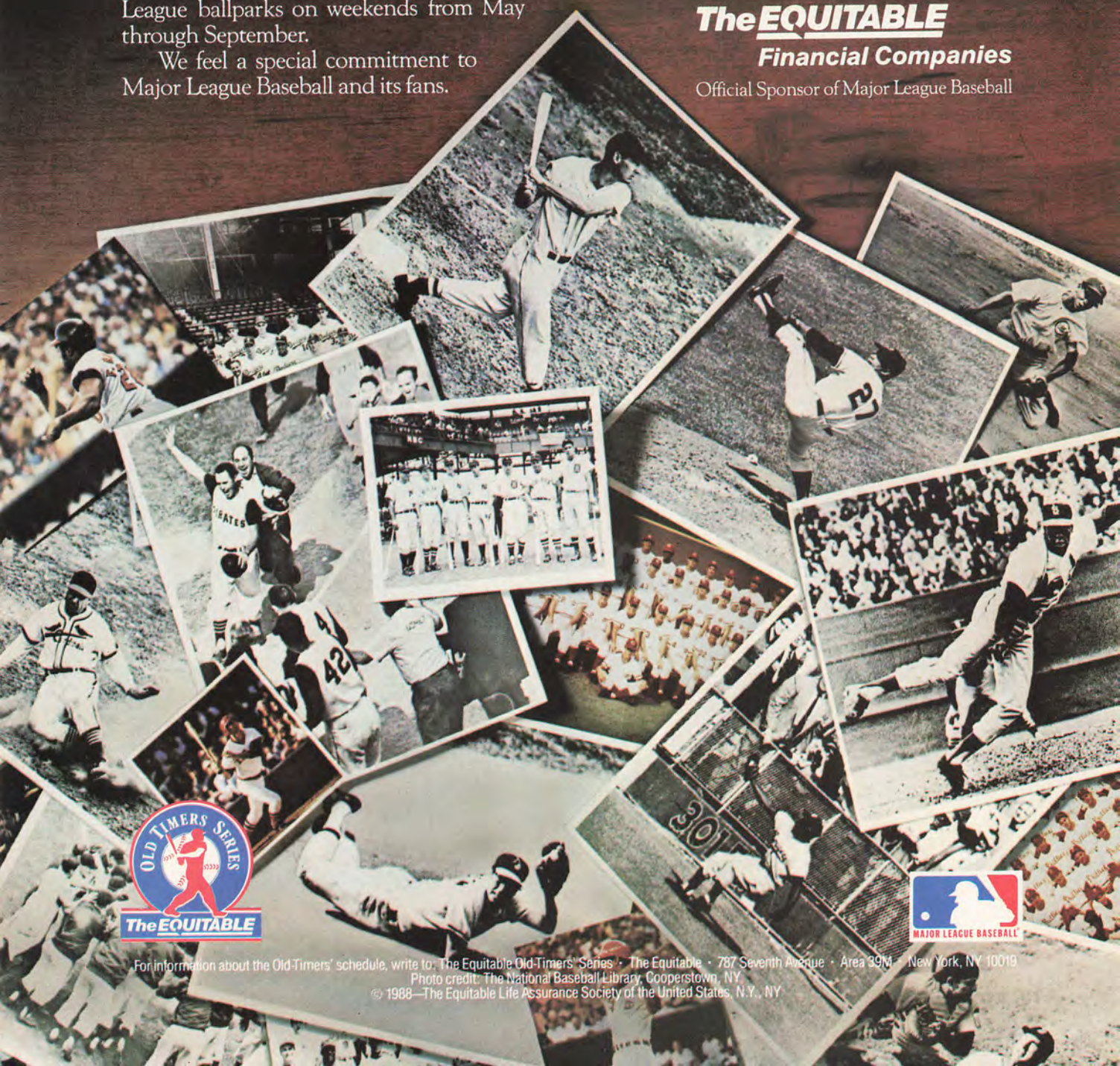

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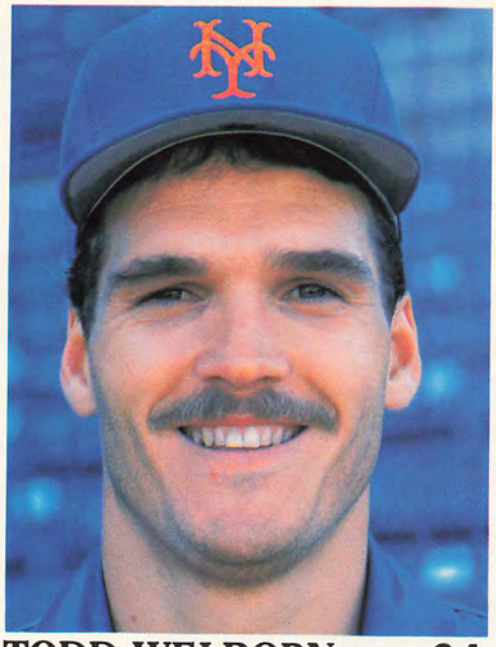

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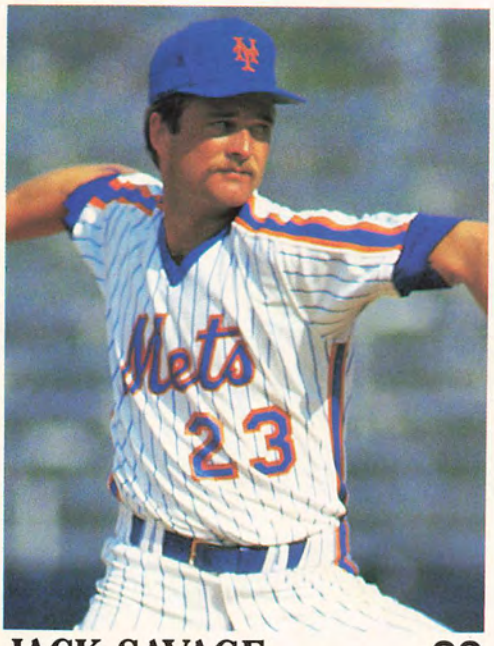

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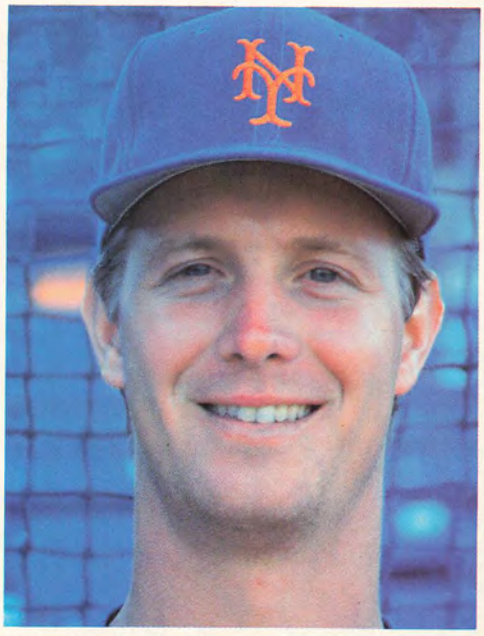

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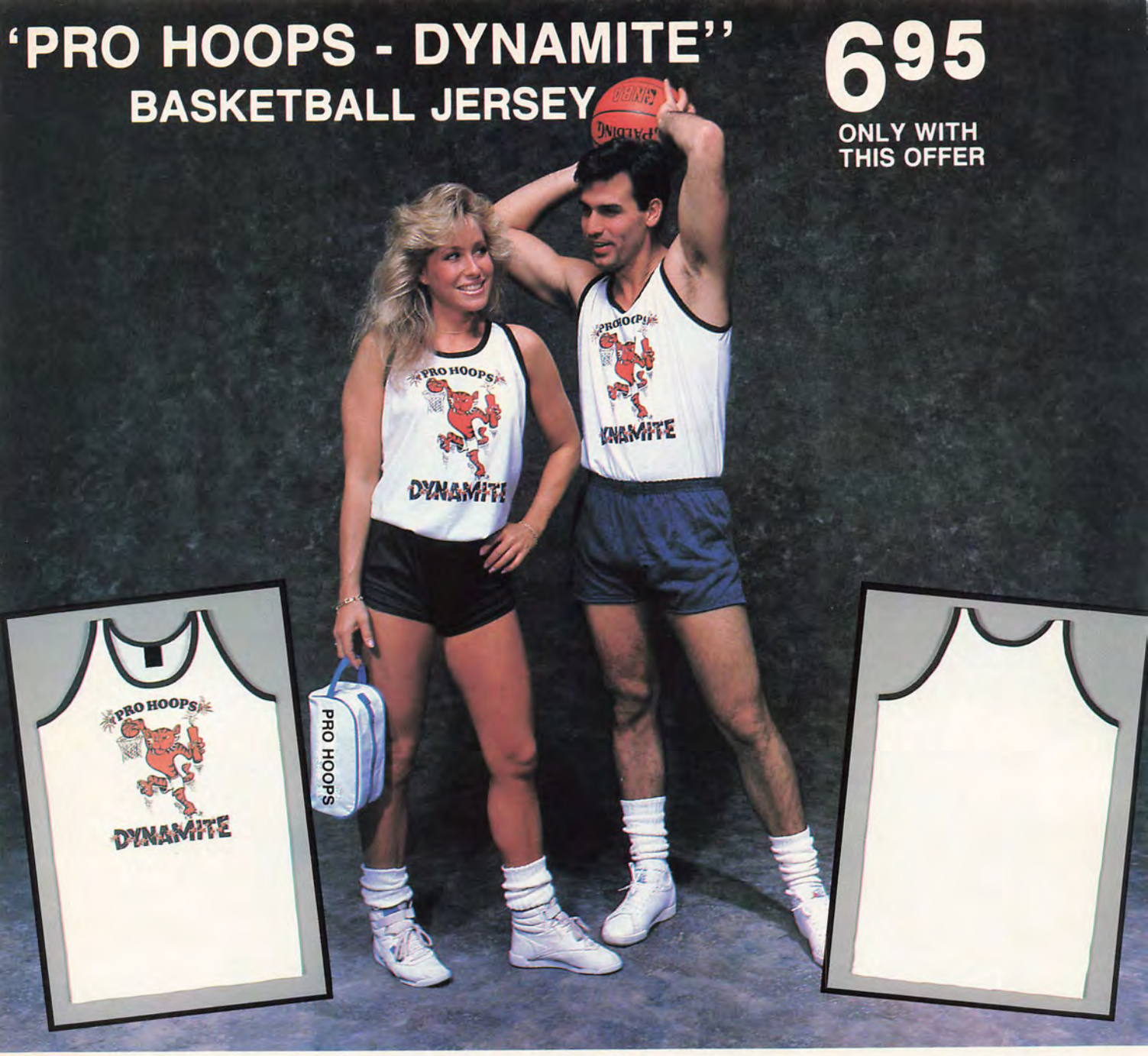

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YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1983	Little Falls (A)	5-6	3.72	16	15	4	2	0	104.	109	55	43	26	84
1984	Lynchburg (A)	8-3	2.34	13	13	6	3	0	88.1	72	29	23	28	101
1984	Jackson (AA)	4-4	4.57	11	11	2	1	0	67.	68	37	34	19	71
1985	Tidewater (AAA)	6-4	2.51	11	11	2	1	0	79.	64	24	22	17	55
1985	Mets (NL)	10-7	3.24	21	19	2	0	0	122.1	118	49	44	37	74
1986	Mets (NL)	10-7	3.88	28	20	2	0	0	141.2	145	70	61	36	104
1987	Tidewater (AAA)	1-1	0.69	3	3	0	0	0	13.	8	2	1	1	10
1987	Mets (NL)	11-3	3.60	18	17	1	0	0	115.	124	53	46	33	77
Major League Totals		31-17	3.59	67	56	5	0	0	379.	387	172	151	106	255

GWRBI: 1985—0; 1986—1; 1987—0. Total—1

WALLY BACKMAN 6

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1977	Little Falls (Rookie)	.325	69	255	44	83	10	2	6	30	28	53	20
1978	Lynchburg (A)	.302	132	494	86	149	19	9	3	38	74	99	42
1979	Jackson (AA)	.282	110	404	63	114	11	5	2	19	35	50	23
1980	Tidewater (AAA)	.293	125	400	53	117	15	5	1	51	87	67	11
1980	Mets (NL)	.323	27	93	12	30	1	1	0	9	11	14	2
1981	Mets (NL)	.278	26	36	5	10	2	0	0	0	4	7	1
1981	Tidewater (AAA)	.153	21	59	6	9	3	1	0	6	10	8	2
1982	Mets (NL)	.272	96	261	37	71	13	2	3	22	49	47	8
1983	Tidewater (AAA)	.316	101	361	69	114	11	3	1	28	68	46	36
1983	Mets (NL)	.167	26	42	6	7	0	1	0	3	2	8	0
1984	Mets (NL)	.280	128	436	68	122	19	2	1	26	56	63	32
1985	Mets (NL)	.273	145	520	77	142	24	5	1	38	36	72	30
1986	Mets (NL)	.320	124	387	67	124	18	2	1	27	36	32	13
1987	Mets (NL)	.250	94	300	43	75	6	1	1	23	25	43	11
Major League Totals		.280	666	2075	315	581	83	14	7	148	219	286	97

GWRBI: 1980—0; 1981—0; 1982—4; 1983—0; 1984—7; 1985—3; 1986—5; 1987—2. Total—21.

Wally Backman

MARK CARREON 32

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1981	Kingsport (Rookie)	.289	64	232	30	67	8	0	1	36	24	13	12
1982	Shelby (A)	.329	133	486	120	160	29	6	2	79	78	37	33
1983	Lynchburg (A)	.334	128	491	94	164	13	8	1	67	76	39	36
1984	Jackson (AA)	.280	119	435	64	122	14	3	1	43	38	24	12
1985	Tidewater (AAA)	.133	7	15	1	2	1	0	1	2	2	5	0
1985	Jackson (AA)	.313	123	447	96	140	23	5	6	51	87	32	23
1986	Tidewater (AAA)	.289	115	426	62	123	23	2	10	64	50	42	11
1987	Tidewater (AAA)	.312	133	525	83	164	41	5	10	89	34	46	31
1987	Mets (NL)	.250	9	12	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Major League Totals		.250	9	12	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0

GARY CARTER 8

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1972	Cocoa (Rk.)	.239	18	71	6	17	3	0	2	9	8	11	1
1972	West Palm Beach (A)	.320	20	50	9	16	2	2	0	5	13	9	0
1973	Quebec (AA)	.253	130	439	65	111	16	1	15	68	63	92	5
1973	Peninsula (AAA)	.280	8	25	2	7	2	0	0	1	1	5	0
1974	Memphis (AAA)	.268	135	441	62	118	14	7	23	83	59	75	6
1974	Montreal (NL)	.407	9	27	5	11	0	1	1	6	1	2	2
1975	Montreal (NL)	.270	144	503	58	136	20	1	17	68	72	83	5
1976	Montreal (NL)	.219	91	311	31	68	8	1	6	38	30	43	0
1977	Montreal (NL)	.284	154	522	86	148	29	2	31	84	58	103	5
1978	Montreal (NL)	.255	157	533	76	136	27	1	20	72	62	70	10
1979	Montreal (NL)	.283	141	505	74	143	26	5	22	75	40	62	3
1980	Montreal (NL)	.264	154	549	76	145	25	5	29	101	58	78	3
1981	Montreal (NL)	.251	100	374	48	94	20	2	16	68	35	35	1
1982	Montreal (NL)	.293	154	557	91	163	32	1	29	97	78	66	2
1983	Montreal (NL)	.270	145	541	63	146	37	3	17	79	51	57	1
1984	Montreal (NL)	.294	159	596	75	175	32	1	27	106	64	57	2
1985	Mets (NL)	.281	149	555	83	156	17	1	32	100	69	46	1
1986	Mets (NL)	.255	132	490	81	125	14	2	24	105	62	63	1
1987	Mets (NL)	.235	139	523	55	123	18	2	20	83	42	73	0
Major League Totals		.269	1828	6586	902	1769	305	28	291	1082	722	838	36

GWRBI: 1980—13; 1981—7; 1982—10; 1983—5; 1984—16; 1985—18; 1986—16; 1987—9. Total—94.

DAVID CONE 44

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1981	Sarasota	6-4	2.55	14	12	0	0	0	67.	52	24	19	33	45
1982	Charleston	9-2	2.06	16	16	1	1	0	105.	84	38	24	47	87
	Ft. Myers	7-1	2.12	10	9	6	1	0	72.	56	21	17	25	57
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1984	Memphis	8-12	4.27	29	29	9	1	0	179.	162	103	85	111	114
1985	Omaha	9-15	4.65	28	27	5	1	0	158.2	157	90	82	93	115
1986	Omaha	8-4	2.79	39	2	2	0	14	71.	60	23	22	25	63
1986	Kansas City (AL)	0-0	5.56	11	0	0	0	0	22.2	29	14	14	13	21
1987	Tidewater (AAA)	0-1	5.73	3	3	0	0	0	11.	10	8	7	6	7
1987	Mets (NL)	5-6	3.71	21	13	1	0	1	99.1	87	46	41	44	68
Major League Totals		5-6	4.06	32	13	1	0	1	122.	116	60	55	57	89

GWRBI: 1987—0. Total—0

JOAQUIN CONTRERAS 60

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1985	Little Falls (A)	.257	48	175	26	45	7	5	4	24	22	30	17
1985	Columbia (A)	.209	16	43	7	9	0	1	2	8	3	12	1
1986	Columbia (A)	.321	77	277	67	89	15	4	12	66	30	43	27
1986	Lynchburg (A)	.359	31	117	22	42	8	6	0	20	10	18	19
1986	Jackson (AA)	.224	23	76	10	17	1	0	2	4	8	14	3
1987	Jackson (AA)	.307	132	482	65	148	34	3	9	78	46	104	17

RON DARLING 12

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1981	Tulsa (AA)	4-2	4.44	13	13	2	2	0	71.	72	43	35	33	53
1982	Tidewater (AAA)	7-9	3.73	26	26	6	2	0	152.	143	76	63	95	114
1983	Tidewater (AAA)	10-9	4.02	27	27	5	1	0	159.	137	83	71	102	107
1983	Mets (NL)	1-3	2.80	5	5	1	0	0	35.1	31	11	11	17	23
1984	Mets (NL)	12-9	3.81	33	33	2	2	0	205.2	179	97	87	104	136
1985	Mets (NL)	16-6	2.90	36	35	4	2	0	248.	214	93	80	114	167
1986	Mets (NL)	15-6	2.81	34	34	4	2	0	237.	203	84	74	81	184
1987	Mets (NL)	12-8	4.29	32	32	2	0	0	207.2	183	111	99	96	167
Major League Totals		56-32	3.38	140	139	13	6	0	933.2	810	396	351	412	677

GWRBI: 1983—0; 1984—0; 1985—0; 1986—0; 1987-0. Total—0.

ANDRE DAVID 72

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1980	Visalia (A)	.324	63	210	33	68	9	2	0	32	38	15	3
1981	Orlando (AA)	.234	133	475	57	111	13	5	10	54	49	54	14
1982	Toledo (AAA)	.140	15	43	4	6	1	1	0	0	1	8	0
	Orlando (AA)	.279	107	366	61	102	17	7	5	49	42	30	8
1983	Toledo (AAA)	.290	116	403	59	117	15	1	6	54	50	35	5
1984	Toledo (AAA)	.294	61	194	30	57	14	1	7	24	23	20	8
	Minnesota (AL)	.250	33	48	5	12	2	0	1	5	7	11	0
1985	Toledo (AAA)	.266	102	331	40	88	15	1	8	48	40	36	0
1986	Toledo (AAA)	.328	111	348	55	114	18	1	10	44	53	19	0
	Minnesota (AL)	.200	5	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
1987	Tidewater (AAA)	.300	133	480	97	144	22	4	17	73	76	36	3
Major League Totals		.245	38	53	5	13	2	0	1	5	7	13	0

REGGIE DOBIE 38

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1983	Sarasota (Rookie)	0-4	3.27	12	6	2	0	1	44.	47	21	16	31	44
1984	Columbia (A)	10-9	3.03	25	25	6	2	0	172.	123	75	58	119	128
1985	Lynchburg (A)	12-5	2.63	26	26	5	3	0	167.2	118	61	49	77	144
1986	Jackson (AA)	13-7	3.66	28	27	2	1	0	155.	113	70	63	94	123
1987	Tidewater (AAA)	12-10	4.36	26	26	8	1	0	169.1	146	89	82	63	85

KEN DOWELL 71

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1980	Helena (Rookie)	.277	47	154	17	35	1	0	1	24	26	28	5
1981	Spartanburg (A)	.226	137	451	70	102	19	5	2	51	114	76	24
1982	Peninsula (A)	.220	114	381	55	84	14	2	0	35	72	50	12
1983	Reading (AA)	.294	126	367	64	108	13	1	2	42	65	48	8
1984	Portland (AAA)	.207	50	145	15	30	3	1	0	8	28	24	4
1985	Portland (AAA)	.211	114	303	32	64	6	3	1	23	34	42	5
1986	Portland (AAA)	.298	143	446	67	133	11	5	1	44	50	64	4
1987	Philadelphia (NL)	.128	15	39	4	5	0	0	0	1	2	5	0
1987	Maine (AAA)	.283	102	357	34	87	11	0	3	31	40	37	7
Major League Totals		.128	15	39	4	5	0	0	0	1	2	5	0

GWRBI: 1987—0. Total—0.

LENNY DYKSTRA 4

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1981	Shelby (A)	.261	48	157	34	41	7	2	0	18	37	31	15
1982	Shelby (A)	.291	120	413	95	120	13	7	3	38	95	40	77
1983	Lynchburg (A)	.358	136	525	132	188	24	14	8	81	107	35	105
1984	Jackson (AA)	.275	131	501	100	138	25	7	6	52	73	45	53
1985	Tidewater (AAA)	.310	58	229	44	71	8	6	1	25	31	20	26
1985	Mets (NL)	.254	83	236	40	60	9	3	1	19	30	24	15
1986	Mets (NL)	.295	147	431	77	127	27	7	8	45	58	55	31
1987	Mets (NL)	.285	132	431	86	123	37	3	10	43	40	67	27
Major League Totals		.282	362	1098	203	310	73	13	19	107	128	146	73

GWRBI: 1985—3; 1986—7; 1987—4. Total—14.

KEVIN ELSTER 21

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1984	Little Falls (A)	.257	71	257	35	66	7	3	3	35	35	41	13
1985	Lynchburg (A)	.295	59	224	41	66	9	0	7	26	33	21	8
1985	Jackson (AA)	.257	59	214	30	55	13	0	2	22	19	29	2
1986	Jackson (AA)	.269	127	435	69	117	19	3	2	51	61	46	6
1986	Mets (NL)	.167	19	30	3	5	1	0	0	0	3	8	0
1987	Tidewater (AAA)	.310	134	549	83	170	33	7	8	74	35	62	7
1987	Mets (NL)	.400	5	10	1	4	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
Major League Totals		.225	24	40	4	9	3	0	0	1	3	9	0

GWRBI: 1986—0; 1987—0. Total—0.

SID FERNANDEZ 50

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1981	Lethbridge (A)	5-1	1.54	11	11	2	1	0	76.	43	21	13	31	128
1982	Vero Beach (A)	8-1	1.91	12	12	5	4	0	84.2	38	19	18	38	137
1982	Albuquerque (AAA)	6-5	5.42	13	13	5	0	0	88.	76	54	53	52	86
1983	San Antonio (AA)	13-4	2.82	24	24	4	1	0	153.	111	61	48	96	209
1983	Los Angeles (NL)	0-1	6.00	2	1	0	0	0	6.	7	4	4	7	9
1984	Tidewater (AAA)	6-5	2.56	17	17	3	0	0	105.2	69	39	30	63	123
1984	Mets (NL)	6-6	3.50	15	15	0	0	0	90.	74	40	35	34	62
1985	Tidewater (AAA)	4-1	2.04	5	5	1	0	0	35.1	17	8	8	21	42
1985	Mets (NL)	9-9	2.80	26	26	3	0	0	170.1	108	56	53	80	180
1986	Mets (NL)	16-6	3.52	32	31	2	1	1	204.1	161	82	80	91	200
1987	Mets (NL)	12-8	3.81	28	27	3	1	0	156.	130	75	66	67	134
Major League Totals		43-30	2.94	103	100	8	2	1	626.2	480	257	238	279	585

GWRBI: 1983—0; 1984—0; 1985—0; 1986—2; 1987—1. Total—3.

STEVE FREY 49

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1983	Oneonta (A)	4-6	2.74	28	0	0	0	9	72.1	47	27	22	35	86
1984	Ft. Lauderdale (A)	4-2	2.09	47	0	0	0	4	64.2	46	26	15	34	66
1985	Ft. Lauderdale (A)	1-1	1.21	19	0	0	0	7	22.1	11	4	3	12	15
	Albany (AA)	4-7	3.82	40	0	0	0	3	61.1	53	30	26	25	54
1986	Albany (AA)	3-4	2.10	40	0	0	0	4	73.	50	25	17	18	62
	Columbus (AAA)	0-2	8.05	11	0	0	0	0	19.	29	17	17	10	11
1987	Albany (AA)	0-2	1.93	14	0	0	0	1	28.	20	6	6	7	19
	Columbus (AAA)	2-1	3.06	23	0	0	0	6	47.	45	19	16	10	35

DWIGHT GOODEN 16

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1982	Kingsport (A)	5-4	2.47	9	9	4	2	0	66.	53	34	18	25	66
1982	Little Falls (A)	0-1	4.15	2	2	0	0	0	13.	11	6	6	3	18
1983	Lynchburg (A)	19-4	2.50	27	27	10	6	0	191.	121	58	53	112	300
1984	Mets (NL)	17-9	2.60	31	31	7	3	0	218.	161	72	63	73	276
1985	Mets (NL)	24-4	1.53	35	35	16	8	0	276.2	198	51	47	69	268
1986	Mets (NL)	17-6	2.84	33	33	12	2	0	250.	197	92	79	80	200
1987	Tidewater (AAA)	3-0	2.05	4	4	1	0	0	22.	20	7	5	9	24
1987	Mets (NL)	15-7	3.21	25	25	7	3	0	179.2	162	68	64	53	148
Major League Totals		73-26	2.46	124	124	42	16	0	924.1	718	283	253	275	892

GWRBI: 1984—0; 1985—0; 1986—0; 1987—0. Total-0.

KEITH HERNANDEZ 17

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1972	St. Petersburg (A)	.256	84	309	38	79	16	5	5	41	42	39	6
1972	Tulsa (AAA)	.241	11	29	5	7	1	0	0	1	0	6	0
1973	Arkansas (AA)	.260	105	388	62	101	20	2	3	52	49	53	8
1973	Tulsa (AAA)	.333	31	120	20	40	6	1	5	25	9	18	0
1974	Tulsa (AAA)	.351	102	353	67	124	18	6	14	63	48	50	0
1974	St. Louis (NL)	.294	14	34	3	10	1	2	0	2	7	8	0
1975	St. Louis (NL)	.250	64	188	20	47	8	2	3	20	17	26	0
1975	Tulsa (AAA)	.330	85	324	70	107	29	3	10	48	62	48	3
1976	St. Louis (NL)	.289	129	374	54	108	21	5	7	46	49	53	4
1977	St. Louis (NL)	.291	161	560	90	163	41	4	15	91	79	88	7
1978	St. Louis (NL)	.255	159	542	90	138	32	4	11	64	82	68	13
1979	St. Louis (NL)	.344	161	610	116	210	48	11	11	105	80	78	11
1980	St. Louis (NL)	.321	159	595	111	191	39	8	16	99	86	73	14
1981	St. Louis (NL)	.306	103	376	65	115	27	4	8	48	61	45	12
1982	St. Louis (NL)	.299	160	579	79	173	33	6	7	94	100	67	19
1983	StL-Mets (NL)	.297	150	538	77	160	23	7	12	63	88	72	9
1984	Mets (NL)	.311	154	550	83	171	31	0	15	94	97	89	2
1985	Mets (NL)	.309	158	593	87	183	34	4	10	91	77	59	3
1986	Mets (NL)	.310	149	551	94	171	34	1	13	83	94	69	2
1987	Mets (NL)	.290	154	587	87	170	28	2	18	89	81	104	0
Major League Totals		.301	1875	6677	1056	2010	400	60	146	989	998	899	96

GWRBI: 1980—13; 1981—10; 1982—21; 1983—9; 1984—17; 1985—24; 1986—13; 1987—13. Total—120.

JEFF INNIS 40

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1983	Little Falls (A)	8-0	1.37	28	0	0	0	8	46.	29	8	7	28	68
1984	Jackson (AA)	6-5	4.25	42	0	0	0	8	59.	65	34	28	40	63
1985	Lynchburg (A)	6-3	2.34	53	0	0	0	14	77.	46	26	20	40	91
1986	Jackson (AA)	4-5	2.45	56	0	0	0	25	92.	69	30	25	24	75
1987	Tidewater (AAA)	6-1	2.03	29	0	0	0	5	44.1	26	10	10	16	28
1987	Mets (NL)	0-1	3.16	17	1	0	0	0	25.2	29	9	9	4	28
Major League Totals		0-1	3.16	17	1	0	0	0	25.2	29	9	9	4	28

GWRBI: 1987—0. Total—0

GREGG JEFFERIES 9

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1985	Kingsport (Rookie)	.343	47	166	27	57	18	2	3	29	14	16	21
1985	Columbia (A)	.281	20	64	7	18	2	2	1	12	4	4	7
1986	Columbia (A)	.339	25	112	29	38	6	1	5	24	9	10	13
1986	Lynchburg (A)	.354	95	390	66	138	25	9	11	80	33	29	43
1986	Jackson (AA)	.421	5	19	1	8	1	1	0	7	2	2	1
1987	Jackson (AA)	.367	134	510	81	187	48	5	20	101	49	43	26
1987	Mets (NL)	.500	6	6	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Major League Totals		.500	6	6	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0

GWRBI: 1987—0. Total-0.

CHRIS JELIC 63

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1985	Eugene (A)	.275	59	222	32	61	9	2	1	25	26	57	5
1986	Fort Myers (A)	.197	24	76	4	15	1	0	0	8	7	16	1
1987	Lynchburg (A)	.330	71	224	47	74	8	5	8	48	49	30	4
1987	Jackson (AA)	.246	50	183	22	45	10	2	5	24	27	40	1

HOWARD JOHNSON 20

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1979	Lakeland (A)	.235	132	456	49	107	9	6	3	49	69	85	18
1980	Lakeland (A)	.285	130	474	83	135	28	1	10	69	73	75	31
1981	Birmingham (AA)	.266	138	488	84	130	28	7	22	83	75	93	19
1982	Evansville (AAA)	.317	98	336	70	116	16	4	23	67	46	62	35
1982	Detroit (AL)	.316	54	155	23	49	5	0	4	14	16	30	7
1983	Detroit (AL)	.212	27	66	11	14	0	0	3	5	7	10	0
1983	Evansville (AAA)	.222	3	9	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	2	0
1984	Detroit (AL)	.248	116	355	43	88	14	1	12	50	40	67	10
1985	Mets (NL)	.242	126	389	38	94	18	4	11	46	34	78	6
1986	Mets (NL)	.245	88	220	30	54	14	0	10	39	31	64	8
1987	Mets (NL)	.265	157	554	93	147	22	1	36	99	83	113	32
Major League Totals		.25/	568	1739	238	446	73	6	76	253	211	362	63

GWRBI: 1982—0; 1983—0; 1984—8; 1985—8; 1986—3; 1987—16. Total—35.

MARCUS LAWTON 62

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1983	Sarasota (Rookie)	.257	51	187	25	48	3	1	0	16	26	18	19
1984	Kingsport (Rookie)	.298	54	191	43	57	10	1	1	15	25	22	38
1984	Lynchburg (A)	.222	3	9	3	2	0	0	0	1	3	3	0
1985	Columbia (A)	.268	128	470	113	126	11	5	1	53	83	80	111
1986	Lynchburg (A)	.279	141	567	118	158	22	16	4	66	102	111	58
1987	Jackson (AA)	.300	133	530	99	159	20	10	5	36	44	82	40

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TERRY LEACH 26

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1976	Baton Rouge (A)	2-0	6.16	5	1	1	0	0	19.	43	21	13	14	15
1977	Greenwood (A)	3-2	2.55	20	0	0	0	3	67.	47	25	19	24	67
1978	Savannah (AA)	1-0	5.04	9	2	0	0	0	25.	24	17	14	13	21
1978	Kinston (A)	5-4	3.27	34	0	0	0	8	66.	57	29	24	25	46
1979	Savannah (AA)	2-9	1.96	40	0	0	0	2	92.	77	33	20	26	68
1979	Richmond (AAA)	3-1	1.93	7	2	1	0	1	14.	14	3	3	4	12
1980	Savannah (AA)	5-1	3.66	24	5	2	0	1	91.	90	43	37	20	60
1980	Jackson (AA)	5-1	1.50	8	7	3	2	0	54.	50	16	9	15	30
1981	Jackson (AA)	5-1	1.71	8	7	2	1	0	58.	47	14	11	12	43
1981	Tidewater (AAA)	5-2	2.72	15	8	4	1	0	76.	63	27	23	19	42
1981	Mets (NL)	1-1	2.57	21	1	0	0	0	35.	26	11	10	12	16
1982	Tidewater (AAA)	4-1	2.96	30	0	0	0	5	49.	48	20	16	19	34
1982	Mets (NL)	2-1	4.17	21	1	1	1	3	45.1	46	22	21	18	30
1983	Tidewater (AAA)	5-7	4.46	37	7	2	0	6	113.	120	66	56	42	66
1984	Richmond (AAA)	1-2	9.20	12	0	0	0	1	14.2	28	16	15	3	6
1984	Tidewater (AAA)	10-2	1.90	31	0	0	0	0	80.1	70	26	17	27	53
1985	Tidewater (AAA)	1-0	1.59	24	0	0	0	4	45.1	33	12	8	8	25
1985	Mets (NL)	3-4	2.91	22	4	1	1	1	55.2	48	19	18	14	30
1986	Tidewater (AAA)	4-4	2.49	34	4	1	0	7	79.2	69	30	22	21	56
1986	Mets (NL)	0-0	2.70	6	0	0	0	0	6.2	6	3	2	3	4
1987	Mets (NL)	11-1	3.22	44	12	1	1	0	131.1	132	54	47	29	61
Major League Totals		17-7	3.22	114	18	3	3	4	274.	258	109	98	76	141

GWRBI: 1981—0; 1982—0; 1985—0; 1986—0; 1987—0. Total—0

PHIL LOMBARDI 39

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1981	Bradenton (Rookie)	.245	20	53	9	13	3	0	0	6	9	7	1
1982	Paintsville (Rookie)	.250	50	180	26	45	8	0	0	14	16	23	3
1983	Ft. Lauderdale (A)	.224	17	49	1	11	2	0	0	3	7	8	1
	Greensboro (A)	.300	94	330	63	99	15	0	7	43	49	44	5
1984	Ft. Lauderdale (A)	.293	127	393	58	115	20	2	8	70	85	37	22
1985	Albany (AA)	.256	76	250	44	64	13	2	5	32	39	29	5
1986	Columbus (AAA)	.292	75	277	43	81	12	4	8	28	32	40	5
	YANKEES (AL)	.278	20	36	6	10	3	0	2	6	4	7	0
1987	YANKEES (AL)	.125	5	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
	Columbus (AAA)	.267	67	209	32	56	13	1	6	33	39	28	3
	Albany (AA)	.250	20	60	9	15	3	0	3	8	11	10	1
Major League Totals		.250	25	44	6	11	3	0	2	6	4	9	0

BARRY LYONS 33

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1982	Shelby (A)	.280	45	164	23	46	12	0	4	46	24	10	0
1983	Lynchburg (A)	.143	2	7	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
1983	Columbia (A)	.297	92	316	55	94	9	2	5	45	42	32	3
1984	Lynchburg (A)	.316	115	412	60	130	17	3	12	87	45	40	1
1985	Jackson (AA)	.307	126	486	69	149	34	6	11	108	25	67	3
1986	Tidewater (AAA)	.295	61	234	28	69	16	0	4	46	18	32	0
1986	Mets (NL)	.000	6	9	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0
1987	Mets (NL)	.254	53	130	15	33	4	1	4	24	8	24	0
Major League Totals		.237	59	139	16	33	4	1	4	26	9	26	0

GWRBI: 1986-0; 1987—2. Total-2.

DAVE MAGADAN 29

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1983	Columbia (A)	.336	64	220	41	74	13	1	3	32	51	29	2
1984	Lynchburg (A)	.350	112	371	78	130	22	4	0	62	104	43	2
1985	Jackson (AA)	.309	134	466	84	144	22	0	0	76	106	57	0
1986	Tidewater (AAA)	.311	133	473	68	147	33	6	1	64	84	45	2
1986	Mets (NL)	.444	10	18	3	8	0	0	0	3	3	1	0
1987	Mets (NL)	.318	85	192	21	61	13	1	3	24	22	22	0
Major League Totals		.329	95	210	24	69	13	1	3	27	25	23	0

GWRBI: 1986—2; 1987—4. Total—6.

Keith Miller

LEE MAZZILLI 13

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1974	Anderson (A)	.269	132	472	82	127	24	3	11	48	76	89	46
1975	Visalia (A)	.281	125	430	103	121	10	4	13	52	88	72	49
1976	Jackson (AA)	.292	131	439	91	128	21	6	13	43	111	69	28
1976	Mets (NL)	.195	24	77	9	15	2	0	2	7	14	10	5
1977	Mets (NL)	.250	159	537	66	134	24	3	6	46	72	72	22
1978	Mets (NL)	.273	148	542	78	148	28	5	16	61	69	82	20
1979	Mets (NL)	.303	158	597	78	181	34	4	15	79	93	74	34
1980	Mets (NL)	.280	152	578	82	162	31	4	16	76	82	92	41
1981	Mets (NL)	.288	95	324	36	74	14	5	6	34	46	53	17
1982	Tex.-N.Y. (AL)	.251	95	323	43	81	10	0	10	34	43	41	13
1983	Pittsburgh (NL)	.240	109	246	37	59	9	0	5	24	49	43	15
1984	Pittsburgh (NL)	.237	111	266	37	63	11	1	4	21	40	42	8
1985	Pittsburgh (NL)	.282	92	117	20	33	8	0	1	9	29	17	4
1986	Pgh-N.Y (NL)	.245	100	151	28	37	5	1	3	15	38	36	4
1986	Tidewater (AAA)	.300	6	20	3	6	1	0	1	1	3	2	2
1987	Mets (NL)	.306	88	124	26	38	8	1	3	24	21	14	5
Major League Totals		.264	1331	3882	540	1025	184	24	87	430	596	576	188

GWRBI: 1980—4; 1981—4; 1982—2; 1983—5; 1984—2; 1985—1; 1986-0; 1987—3. Total—21.

KEITH MILLER 25

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1985	Lynchburg (A)	.302	89	325	51	98	16	5	7	54	39	52	14
1985	Jackson (AA)	.224	46	165	17	37	8	1	3	22	12	38	8
1986	Jackson (AA)	.329	94	353	80	116	23	4	5	36	62	56	23
1987	Tidewater (AAA)	.248	53	202	29	50	9	1	6	22	14	36	14
1987	Mets (NL)	.373	25	51	14	19	2	2	0	1	2	6	8
Major League Totals		.373	25	51	14	19	2	2	0	1	2	6	8

GWRBI: 1987—0. Total—0.

JOHN MITCHELL 43

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1983	Elmira (A)	5-6	4.90	16	10	2	1	0	75.1	78	57	41	41	72
1984	Winter Haven (A)	16-9	3.14	27	27	4	0	0	183.2	160	84	64	66	109
1985	New Britain (AA)	12-8	2.70	26	26	10	1	0	190.1	143	71	57	61	108
1986	Tidewater (AAA)	12-9	3.39	27	27	5	2	0	172.1	162	78	65	58	83
1986	Mets (NL)	0-1	3.60	4	1	0	0	0	10.	10	4	4	4	2
1987	Tidewater (AAA)	3-2	3.33	8	8	1	1	0	48.2	44	24	18	20	16
1987	Mets (NL)	3-6	4.11	20	19	1	0	0	111.2	124	64	51	36	57
Major League Totals		3-7	4.07	24	20	1	0	0	121.2	134	68	55	40	59

GWRBI: 1986—0; 1987—0. Total—0

RANDY MYERS 48

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1982	Kingsport (Rookie)	6-3	4.12	13	13	1	0	0	74.	68	49	34	69	86
1983	Columbia (A)	14-10	3.63	28	28	3	0	0	173.	146	94	70	108	164
1984	Lynchburg (A)	13-5	2.06	23	22	7	1	0	157.	123	46	36	61	171
1984	Jackson (AA)	2-1	2.06	5	5	1	0	0	35.	29	14	8	16	35
1985	Jackson (AA)	4-8	3.96	19	19	2	1	0	120.1	99	61	53	69	116
1985	Tidewater (AAA)	1-1	1.84	8	7	0	0	0	44.	40	13	9	20	25
1985	Mets (NL)	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	2.	0	0	0	1	2
1986	Tidewater (AAA)	6-7	2.35	45	0	0	0	12	65.	44	19	17	44	79
1986	Mets (NL)	0-0	4.22	10	0	0	0	0	10.2	11	5	5	9	13
1987	Tidewater (AAA)	0-0	4.91	5	0	0	0	3	7.1	6	4	4	4	13
1987	Mets (NL)	3-6	3.96	54	0	0	0	6	75.	61	36	33	30	92
Major League Totals		3-6	3.90	65	0	0	0	6	87.2	72	41	38	40	107

GWRBI: 1985—0; 1986—0; 1987—0. Total—0.

TOM McCARTHY 36

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1979	Elmira (A)	2-6	7.04	18	4	0	0	1	46.	67	50	36	37	26
1980	Elmira (A)	2-1	3.15	3	3	0	0	0	20.	10	7	7	13	14
1980	Winston-Salem (A)	4-4	4.01	11	11	1	0	0	61.	55	32	27	46	28
1981	Winston-Salem (A)	3-7	7.29	28	18	0	0	0	105.	123	99	85	99	75
1982	Winston-Salem (A)	3-11	6.53	30	15	1	0	1	103.	128	95	75	65	75
1983	Winston-Salem (A)	8-6	4.13	35	8	2	0	8	98.	91	56	45	54	100
1984	New Britain (AA)	8-5	3.06	38	1	0	0	8	79.1	71	35	27	56	65
1985	Pawtucket (AAA)	5-6	3.59	26	10	3	1	0	85.1	72	48	34	62	65
1985	Boston (AL)	0-0	10.80	3	0	0	0	0	5.	7	6	6	4	2
1986	Tidewater (AAA)	3-2	4.04	22	8	1	0	3	84.2	89	43	38	37	30
1987	Tidewater (AAA)	0-2	4.26	10	0	0	0	0	19.	22	17	9	16	7
1987	Jackson (AA)	1-4	2.65	37	1	0	0	21	54.1	57	18	16	21	30
Major League Totals		0-0	10.80	3	0	0	0	0	5.	7	6	6	4	2

GWRBI: 1985—0. Total—0.

ROGER McDOWELL 42

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1982	Shelby (A)	6-4	3.28	12	11	4	0	0	71.	61	34	26	30	40
1982	Lynchburg (A)	2-0	2.15	4	4	2	1	0	29.	26	12	7	11	23
1983	Jackson (AA)	11-12	4.86	27	26	9	1	0	172.	203	111	93	71	115
1984	Jackson (AA)	0-0	3.68	3	2	0	0	0	7.1	9	3	3	1	8
1985	Mets (NL)	6-5	2.83	62	2	0	0	17	127.1	108	43	40	37	70
1986	Mets (NL)	14-9	3.02	75	0	0	0	22	128.	107	48	43	42	65
1987	Mets (NL)	7-5	4.16	56	0	0	0	25	88.2	95	41	41	28	32
Major League Totals		27-19	3.24	193	2	0	0	64	344.	310	132	124	107	167

GWRBI: 1985—0; 1986—0; 1987—0. Total—0.

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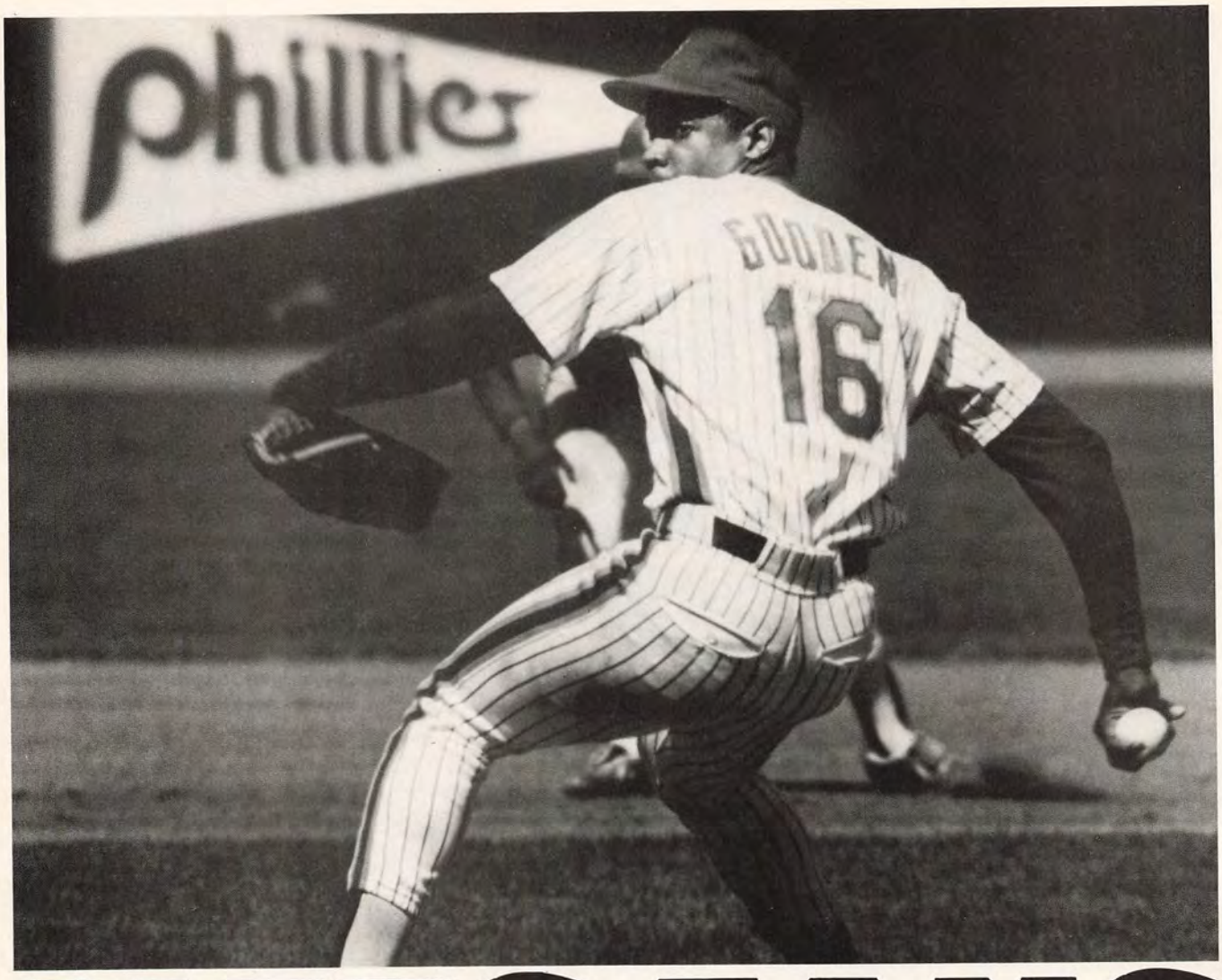

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KEVIN McREYNOLDS 22

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1982	Reno (A)	.376	90	338	83	127	17	5	28	98	36	50	0
1982	Amarillo (AA)	.352	40	162	30	57	8	3	5	39	12	32	4
1983	Las Vegas (AAA)	.377	113	446	98	168	46	9	32	116	41	55	14
1983	San Diego (NL)	.221	39	140	15	31	3	1	4	14	12	29	2
1984	San Diego (NL)	.278	147	525	68	146	26	6	20	75	34	69	3
1985	San Diego (NL)	.234	152	564	61	132	24	4	15	75	43	81	4
1986	San Diego (NL)	.288	158	560	89	161	31	6	26	96	66	83	8
1987	Mets (NL)	.276	151	590	86	163	32	5	29	95	39	70	14
Major League Totals		.266	647	2379	319	633	116	22	94	355	194	332	31

GWRBI: 1983—2; 1984—10; 1985—12; 1986—14; 1987—9. Total—47.

BOB OJEDA 19

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1978	Elmira (A)	1-6	4.81	18	3	0	0	2	43.	45	32	23	43	35
1979	Winter Haven (A)	15-7	2.43	29	29	8	2	0	200.	163	66	54	84	150
1980	Pawtucket (AAA)	6-7	3.22	19	18	4	0	0	123.	107	54	44	56	78
1980	Boston (AL)	1-1	6.92	7	7	0	0	0	26.	39	20	20	14	12
1981	Pawtucket (AAA)	12-9	2.13	25	23	8	0	0	173.	136	52	41	73	113
1981	Boston (AL)	6-2	3.12	10	10	2	0	0	66.1	50	25	23	25	28
1982	Boston (AL)	4-6	5.63	22	14	0	0	0	78.1	95	53	49	29	52
1983	Boston (AL)	12-7	4.04	29	28	5	0	0	173.2	173	85	78	73	94
1984	Boston (AL)	12-12	3.99	33	32	8	5	0	216.2	211	106	96	96	137
1985	Boston (AL)	9-11	4.00	39	22	5	0	1	157.2	166	74	70	48	102
1986	Mets (NL)	18-5	2.57	32	30	7	2	0	217.1	185	72	62	52	148
1987	Mets (NL)	3-5	3.88	10	7	0	0	0	46.1	45	23	20	10	21
Major League Totals		65-49	3.83	182	150	27	7	1	982.1	964	458	418	347	594

GWRBI: 1980—0; 1981—0; 1982—0; 1983—0; 1984—0; 1985—0; 1986—0; 1987—0. Total—0.

DARREN REED 47

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1984	Oneonta (A)	.230	40	113	17	26	7	0	2	9	10	19	2
1985	Ft. Lauderdale (A)	.317	100	369	63	117	21	4	10	61	36	56	13
1986	Albany (AA)	.230	51	196	22	45	11	1	4	27	15	24	1
1987	Albany (AA)	.319	107	404	68	129	23	4	20	79	51	50	7
1987	Columbus (AAA)	.329	21	79	15	26	3	3	8	16	4	9	0

RICH RODRIGUEZ 64

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1984	Little Falls (A)	2-1	2.80	25	1	0	0	0	35.	28	21	11	36	27
1985	Columbia (A)	6-3	4.03	49	3	0	0	6	80.	89	41	36	36	71
1986	Lynchburg (A)	2-1	3.57	36	0	0	0	3	45.	37	20	18	19	38
1986	Jackson (AA)	3-4	9.00	13	5	1	0	0	33.	51	35	33	15	15
1987	Lynchburg (A)	3-1	2.78	69	0	0	0	5	68.	69	23	21	26	59

JOSE ROMAN 65

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1981	Batavia (A)	0-3	6.38	20	1	0	0	0	55.	63	45	39	27	46
1982	Waterloo (A)	2-5	5.15	24	5	1	0	2	57.	64	42	33	37	56
1983	Waterloo (A)	6-7	2.56	34	12	1	0	5	126.1	103	49	36	56	132
1984	Buffalo (AAA)	14-6	3.88	27	24	6	3	0	143.2	130	69	62	63	105
	Cleveland (AL)	0-2	18.00	3	2	0	0	0	6.	9	12	12	11	3
1985	Cleveland (AL)	0-4	6.61	5	3	0	0	0	16.1	13	17	12	14	12
	Maine (AAA)	4-1	3.65	11	9	0	0	0	49.1	46	23	20	30	27
1986	Maine (AAA)	4-5	4.23	16	16	1	0	0	95.2	95	50	45	52	76
	Cleveland (AL)	1-2	6.55	6	5	0	0	0	22.	23	20	16	17	9
1987	Buffalo (AAA)	0-0	17.47	3	0	0	0	0	5.2	11	11	11	4	10
	Jackson (AA)	0-0	3.86	2	0	0	0	1	4.2	3	2	2	1	7
	Tidewater (AAA)	5-4	3.07	45	0	0	0	9	55.2	46	21	19	39	66
Major League Totals		1-8	8.12	14	10	0	0	0	44.1	45	49	40	42	24

MACKEY SASSER 2

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1984	Clinton (A)	.292	118	428	57	125	20	5	6	65	30	46	15
1984	Fresno (A)	.274	16	62	8	17	1	1	0	6	3	6	1
1985	Fresno (A)	.338	133	497	79	168	27	4	14	102	36	35	3
1986	Shreveport (AA)	.293	120	441	52	129	29	5	5	72	44	35	4
1987	Phoenix (AAA)	.329	87	307	45	101	21	0	1	42	22	13	2
1987	Vancouver (AAA)	.280	28	93	8	26	3	1	2	14	10	6	1
1987	San Francisco (NL)	.000	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1987	Pittsburgh (NL)	.217	12	23	2	5	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
Major League Totals		.185	14	27	2	5	0	0	0	2	0	2	0

GWRBI: 1987—0

JACK SAVAGE 23

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1985	Great Falls (Rookie)	5-1	1.01	24	0	0	0	8	44.2	26	5	5	18	51
1986	Bakersfield (A)	5-8	4.52	44	0	0	0	9	77.2	82	45	39	45	77
1987	San Antonio (AA)	5-6	2.68	49	0	0	0	10	69.1	64	22	20	31	67
1987	Albuquerque (AAA)	0-4	4.20	13	0	0	0	1	15.	20	15	7	11	13
1987	Los Angeles (NL)	0-0	2.70	3	0	0	0	0	3.1	4	1	1	0	0
Major League Totals		0-0	2.70	3	0	0	0	0	3.1	4	1	1	0	0

DARRYL STRAWBERRY 18

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1980	Kingsport (Rookie)	.268	44	157	27	42	5	2	5	20	20	39	5
1981	Lynchburg (A)	.255	123	420	84	107	22	6	13	78	82	105	31
1982	Jackson (AA)	.283	129	435	93	123	19	9	34	97	100	145	45
1983	Tidewater (AAA)	.333	16	57	12	19	4	1	3	13	14	18	7
1983	Mets (NL)	.257	122	420	63	108	15	7	26	74	47	128	19
1984	Mets (NL)	.251	147	522	75	131	27	4	26	97	75	131	27
1985	Mets (NL)	.277	111	393	78	109	15	4	29	79	73	96	26
1986	Mets (NL)	.259	136	475	76	123	27	5	27	93	72	141	28
1987	Mets (NL)	.284	154	532	108	151	32	5	39	104	97	122	36
Major League Totals		.266	670	2342	400	622	116	25	147	447	364	618	136

GWRBI: 1983—11; 1984—8; 1985—8; 1986—15; 1987—5. Total—47.

TIM TEUFEL 11

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1980	Orlando (A)	.265	86	287	38	76	15	3	11	47	49	61	3
1981	Orlando (A)	.248	128	416	69	103	21	5	17	60	45	80	4
1982	Orlando (A)	.282	100	340	52	96	12	4	9	56	67	51	16
1982	Toledo (AAA)	.282	45	149	25	42	10	4	6	20	15	23	1
1983	Toledo (AAA)	.323	136	471	103	152	27	6	27	100	102	71	13
1983	Minnesota (AL)	.308	21	78	11	24	7	1	3	6	2	8	0
1984	Minnesota (AL)	.262	157	568	76	149	30	3	14	61	76	73	1
1985	Minnesota (AL)	.260	138	434	58	113	24	3	10	50	48	70	4
1986	Mets (NL)	.247	93	279	35	69	20	1	4	31	32	42	1
1987	Mets (NL)	.308	97	299	55	92	29	0	14	61	44	53	3
Major League Totals		.270	506	1658	235	447	110	8	45	209	202	246	9

GWRBI: 1983—3; 1984—10; 1985—4; 1986—3; 1987—5. Total—25.

GENE WALTER 31

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1982	Walla Walla (A)	4-4	4.83	17	9	2	0	0	73.	73	54	39	46	61
1983	Miami (A)	6-13	3.78	42	10	4	0	3	121.	114	73	51	61	105
1984	Miami (A)	3-5	2.29	9	9	3	0	0	59.	43	22	15	27	70
1984	Beaumont (AA)	7-3	2.61	34	6	1	1	9	76.	53	25	22	40	71
1985	Las Vegas (AA)	7-5	2.75	45	2	0	0	12	95.	75	34	29	35	107
1985	San Diego (NL)	0-2	2.05	15	0	0	0	3	22.	12	6	5	8	18
1986	San Diego (NL)	2-2	3.86	57	0	0	0	1	98.	89	47	42	49	84
1987	Tidewater (AAA)	1-4	4.93	33	3	0	0	4	49.1	37	33	27	23	43
1987	Mets (NL)	1-2	3.20	21	0	0	0	0	19.2	18	10	7	13	11
Major League Totals		3-6	3.48	93	0	0	0	4	139.2	119	63	54	70	113

GWRBI: 1985—0; 1986—0; 1987—0. Total—0

WALLY WHITEHURST 68

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1985	Medford (Rookie)	7-5	3.58	14	14	2	0	0	88.	92	51	35	29	91
	Modesto (A)	1-0	1.80	2	2	0	0	0	10.	10	2	2	5	5
1986	Madison (A)	6-1	0.59	8	8	5	5	0	61.	42	8	4	16	57
	Huntsville (AA)	9-5	4.64	19	19	2	0	0	104.2	114	66	54	46	54
1987	Huntsville (AA)	11-10	3.98	28	28	5	3	0	183.1	192	104	81	42	106

TODD WELBORN 66

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1985	Little Falls (A)	1-4	6.00	6	6	0	0	0	21.	12	26	14	33	19
1986	Little Falls (A)	0-4	3.67	16	5	1	0	2	49.	37	29	20	29	47
1987	Columbia (A)	0-0	0.00	8	0	0	0	4	8.	4	0	0	1	10
1987	Lynchburg (A)	5-1	2.48	37	0	0	0	15	40.	34	18	11	25	36
1987	Jackson (AA)	4-1	0.47	12	0	0	0	4	19.1	6	1	1	8	15

DAVE WEST 46

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1983	Sarasota (Rookie)	2-4	2.85	12	10	0	0	0	54.	41	28	17	52	56
1984	Columbia (A)	3-5	6.23	12	12	0	0	0	61.	41	47	42	68	60
1984	Little Falls (A)	6-4	3.34	13	11	0	0	0	62.	43	35	23	62	79
1985	Columbia (A)	10-9	4.56	26	25	5	2	0	150.	105	97	76	111	194
1986	Lynchburg (A)	1-6	5.16	13	13	1	0	0	75.	76	50	43	53	70
1986	Columbia (A)	10-3	2.91	13	13	3	1	0	92.2	74	41	30	56	101
1987	Jackson (AA)	10-7	2.81	25	25	4	2	0	166.2	152	67	52	81	186

MOOKIE WILSON 1

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1977	Wausau (A)	.290	68	245	50	71	10	2	6	32	33	57	23
1978	Jackson (AA)	.292	132	497	72	145	13	15	7	72	39	70	38
1979	Tidewater (AAA)	.267	141	529	84	141	22	10	5	36	45	91	49
1980	Tidewater (AAA)	.295	132	515	92	152	11	14	4	44	44	86	50
1980	Mets (NL)	.248	27	105	16	26	5	3	0	4	12	19	7
1981	Mets (NL)	.271	92	328	49	89	8	8	3	14	20	59	24
1982	Mets (NL)	.279	159	639	90	178	25	9	5	55	32	102	58
1983	Mets (NL)	.276	152	638	91	176	25	6	7	51	18	103	54
1984	Mets (NL)	.276	154	587	88	162	28	10	10	54	26	90	46
1985	Mets (NL)	.276	93	337	56	93	16	8	6	26	28	52	24
1986	Tidewater (AAA)	.258	9	31	4	8	1	0	0	4	3	7	4
1986	Mets (NL)	.289	123	381	61	110	17	5	9	45	32	72	25
1987	Mets (NL)	.299	124	385	58	115	19	7	9	34	35	85	21
Major League Totals		.279	924	3400	509	949	143	56	49	283	203	582	259

GWRBI: 1980—0; 1981—2; 1982—5; 1983—6; 1984—7; 1985-1; 1986—5; 1987—2. Total—28.

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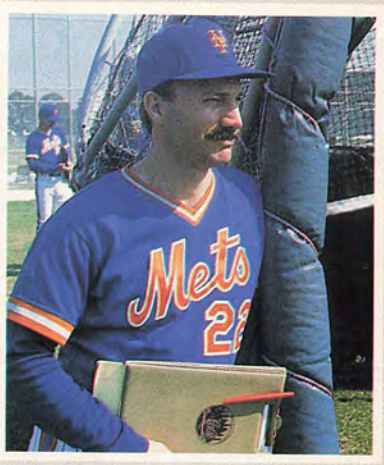

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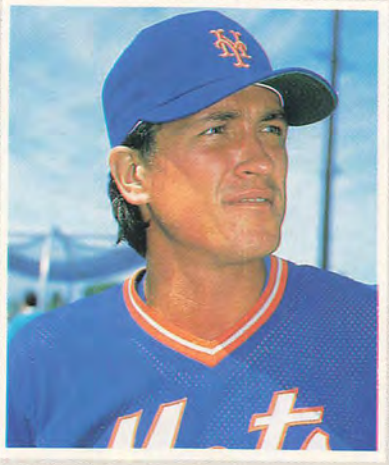

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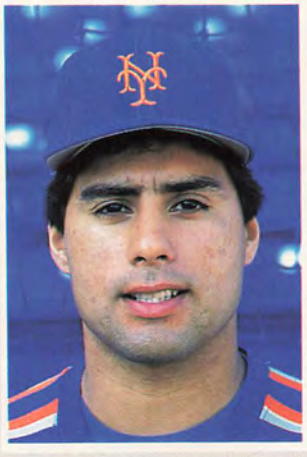

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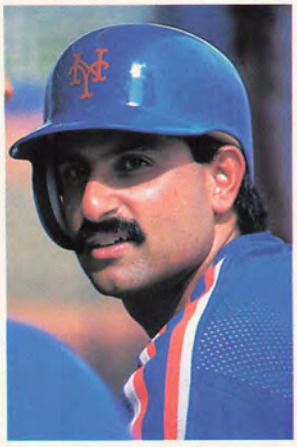

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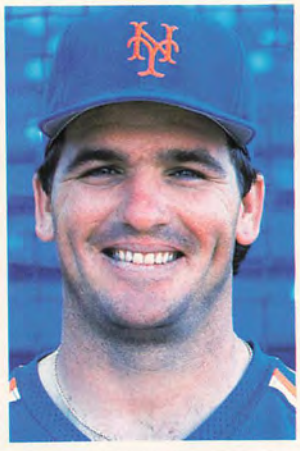

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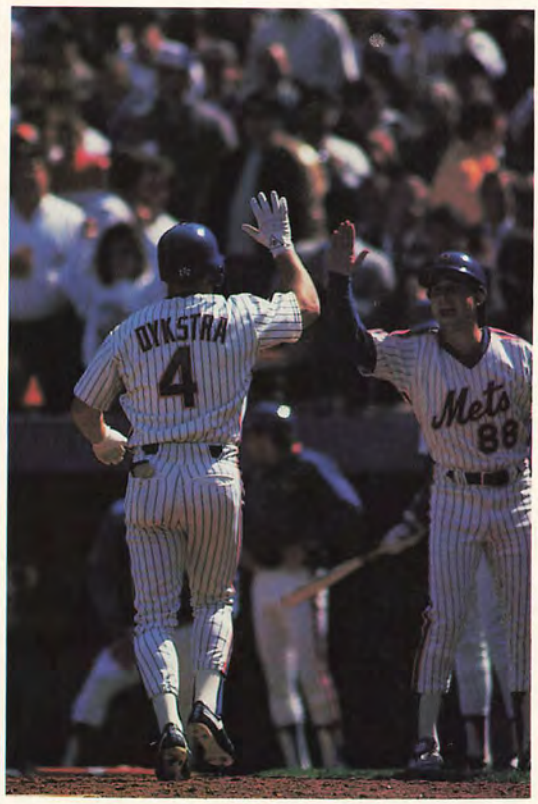
BAT BOY/BALL GIRL



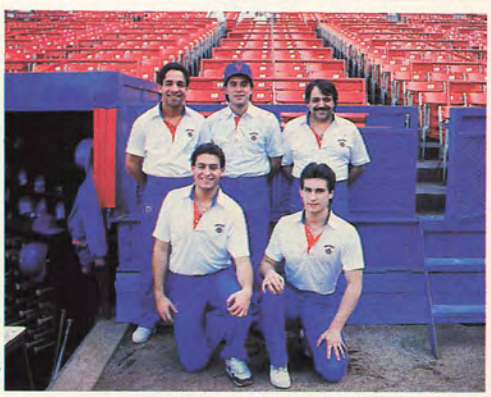
Lenny Dykstra is shown here being congratulated by one of the Mets' batboys after scoring.

1988 Ball Girls: Karen, Mindy, Ileana, and Sharon

IN THE CLUBHOUSE

Equipment Manager Charlie Samuels prepares for a game in the Mets dugout.

Assistant Equipment Manager: Vinny Greco



Clubhouse Attendants: (l to r): John Fucci, Tom Romano, Joe DePaola; kneeling: (l to r): Ira Doubert, Kirk Radomski

IN THE BOOTH

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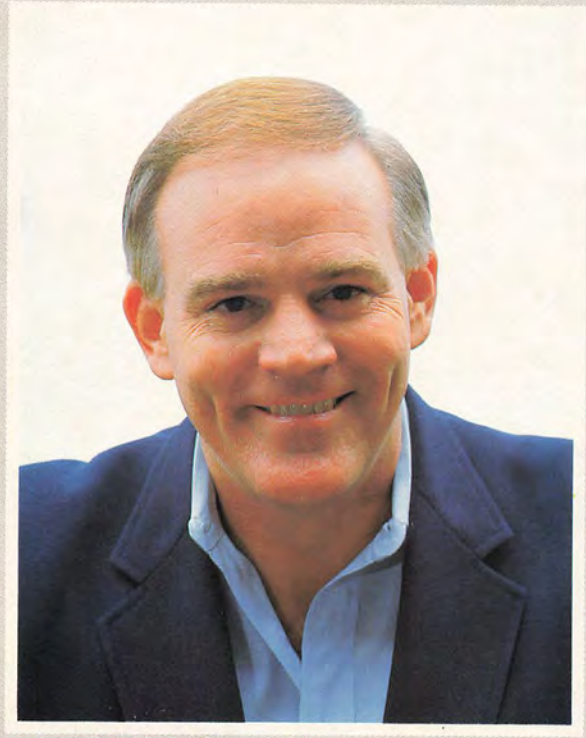

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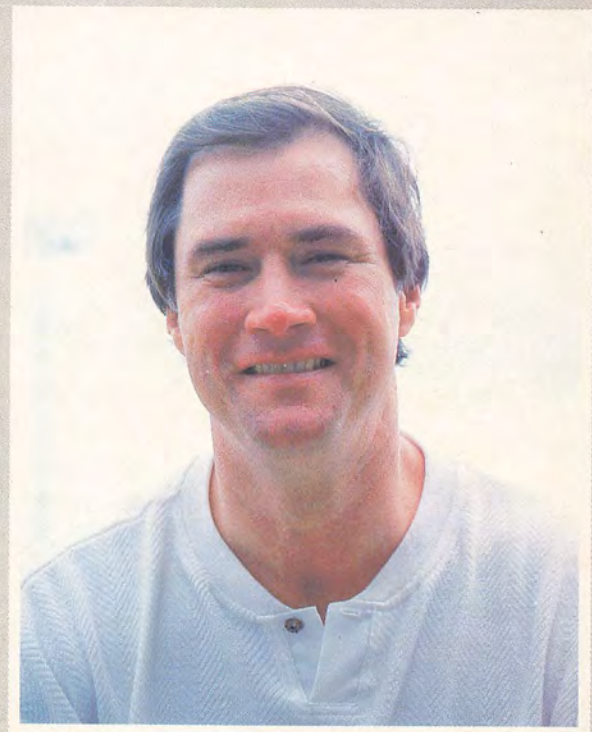

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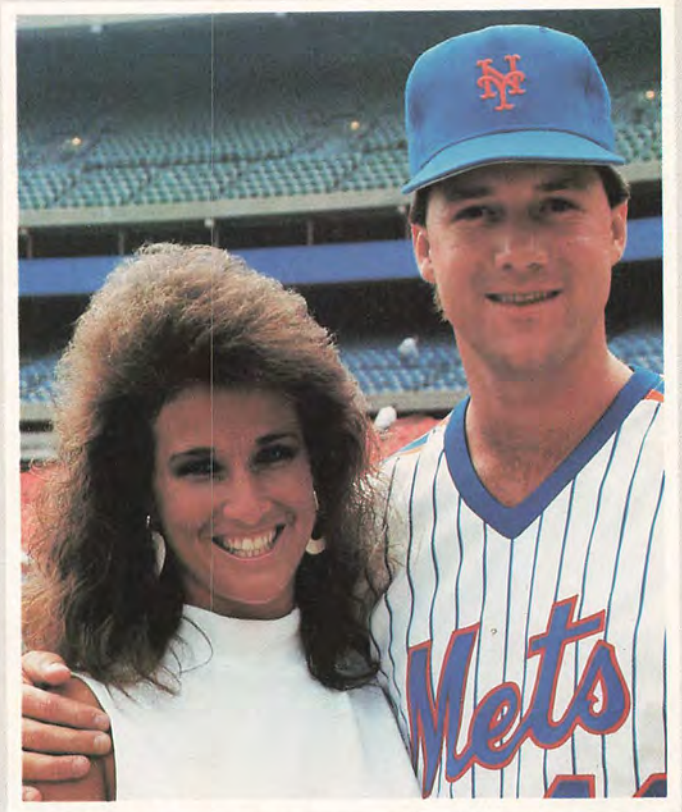
Gary and Sandy Carter with Kimberly, Christy and Douglas



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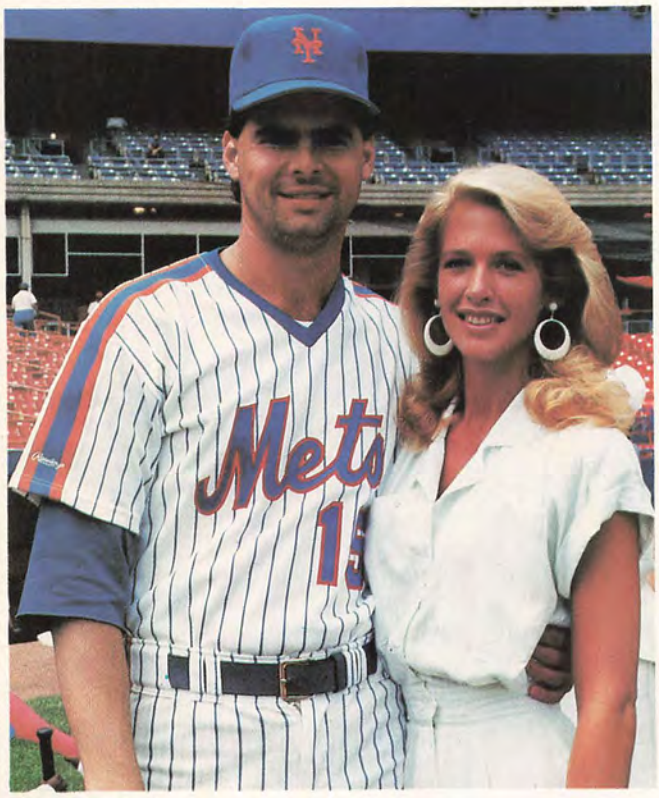

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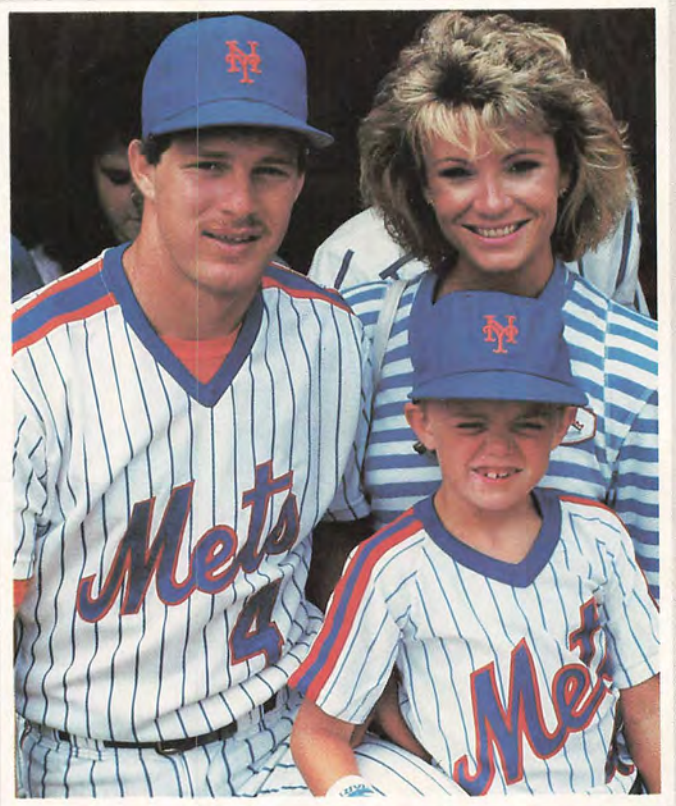
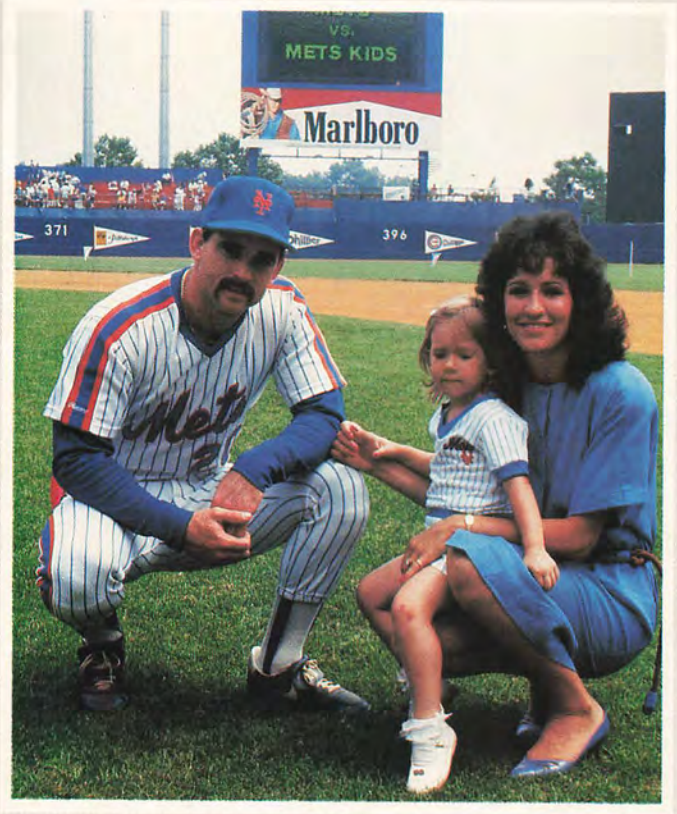
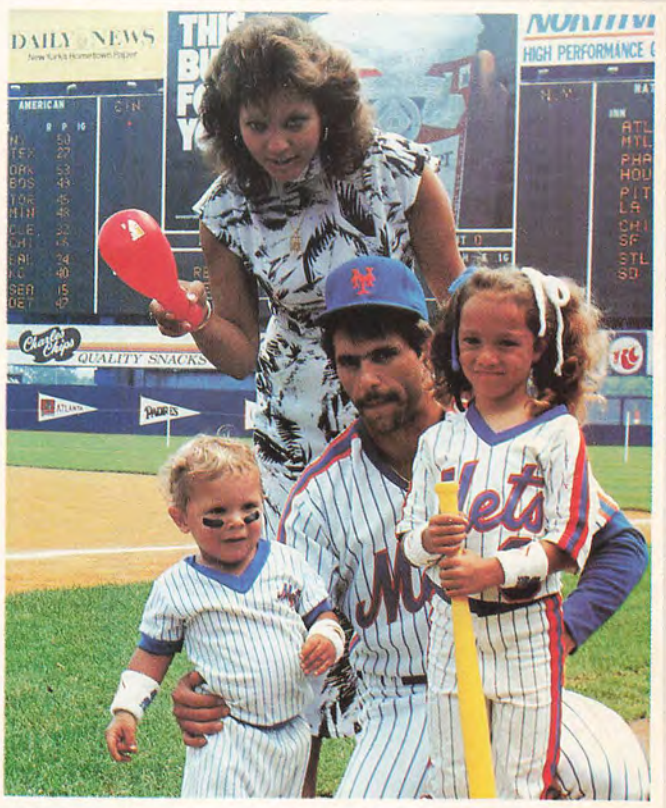


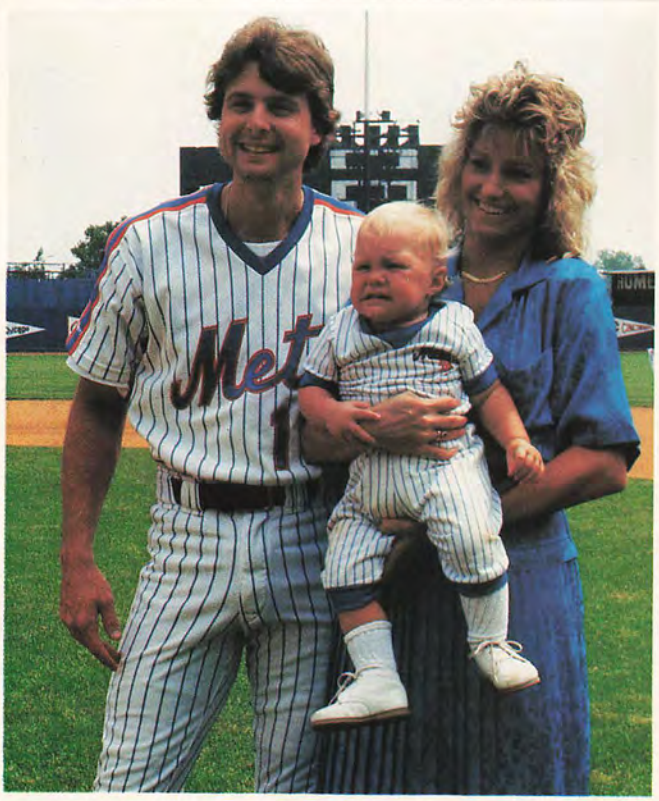
Lenny and Terri Dykstra with Gavin



Howard and Kim Johnson with Shannon



Margie and Wally Backman with Wally Jr. and Jennifer



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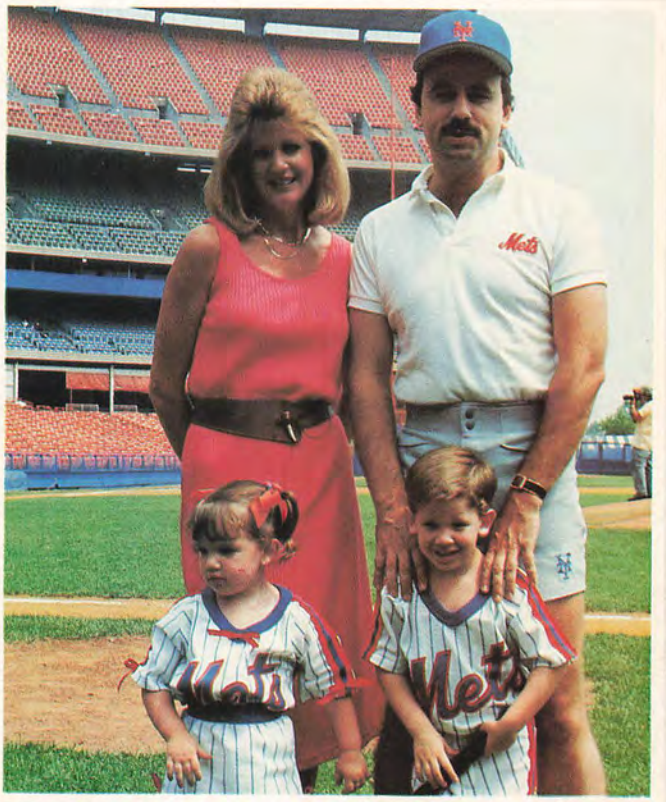
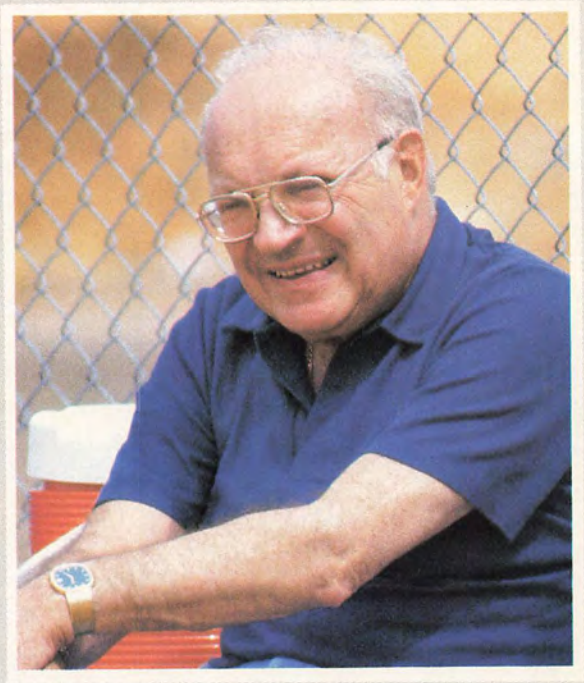


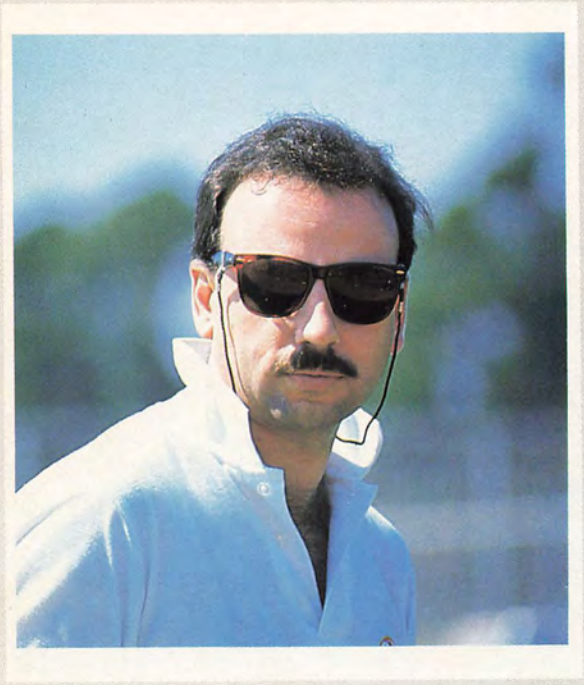
Dawn and Steve Garland with Megan and Steven

BEHIND THE SCENES

Team Physician;
Dr. James C. Parkes



Special Assistant to the General Manager and Travel Director;
Arthur Richman



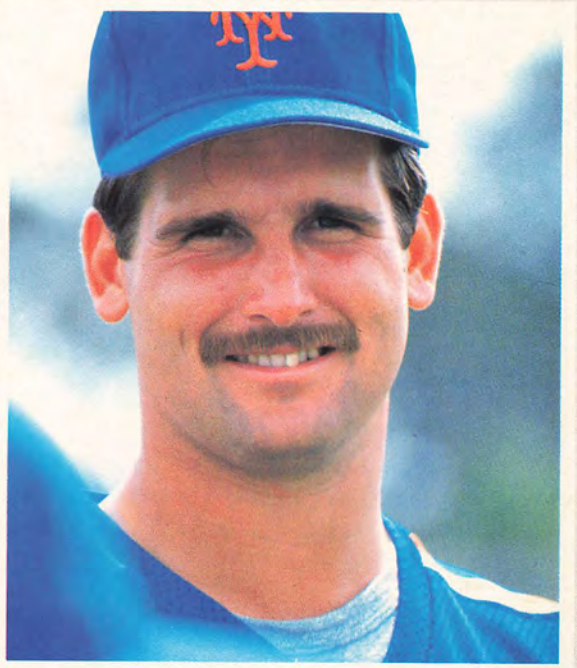
Head Trainer; Steve Garland

Assistant Trainer; Bob Sikes

Associate Team Physician: Dr. L. Fiske Warren

Strength and Conditioning: Coach Keith Cedro

Trainer Emeritus: Tom McKenna and Dr. John Olichney



Bullpen Catcher Rob Drummerhauser

LADY METS CLUB

The Lady Mets Club, one of our longest running fan clubs, combines an interest in Mets baseball with the opportunity to contribute to charity. The Lady Mets sponsor ballgame outings throughout the baseball season and last year, visited Cooperstown to see the Baseball Hall of Fame. The Annual Christmas Giving Party of 1987 raised funds, which were donated to Nazareth Home. Toys were presented to "No Small Affair", an organization servicing underprivileged, retarded and abused children.

Lady Mets Club President Pauline Mercado; Officers Mildred Kuncio and Eleanor Gallo with Mets fans and toys donated at the 1987 Christmas Giving Party.

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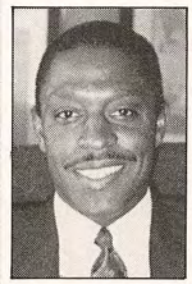
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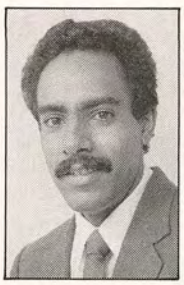
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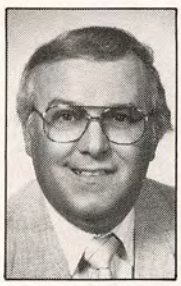
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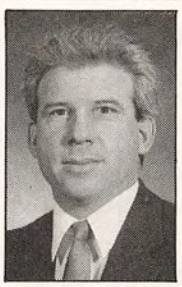
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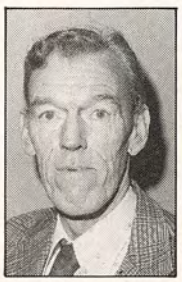
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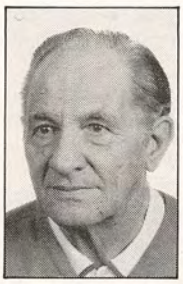
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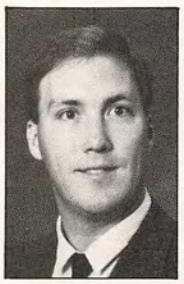
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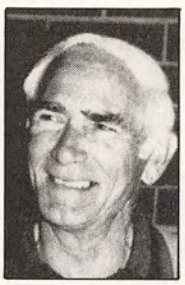
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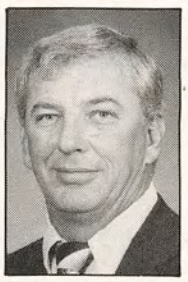
Joe Mason

Jack Zduriencik

OFF THE FIELD

David Cone takes time out before a game to visit with some local area Boy Scouts.

Dwight Gooden and the former Monica Harris on their wedding day. The couple was married November 21, 1987 in Tampa, FL.

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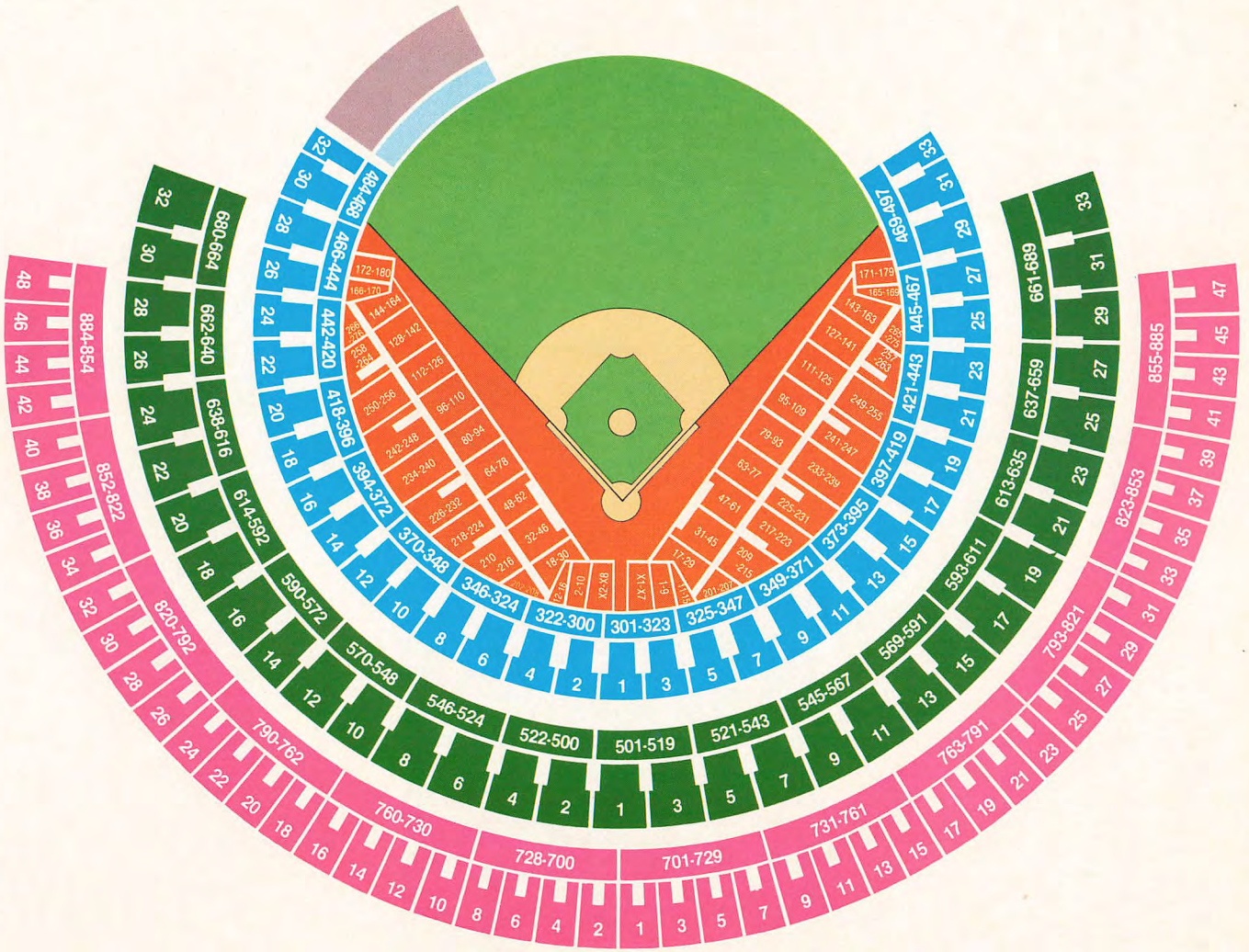


OFF THE FIELD

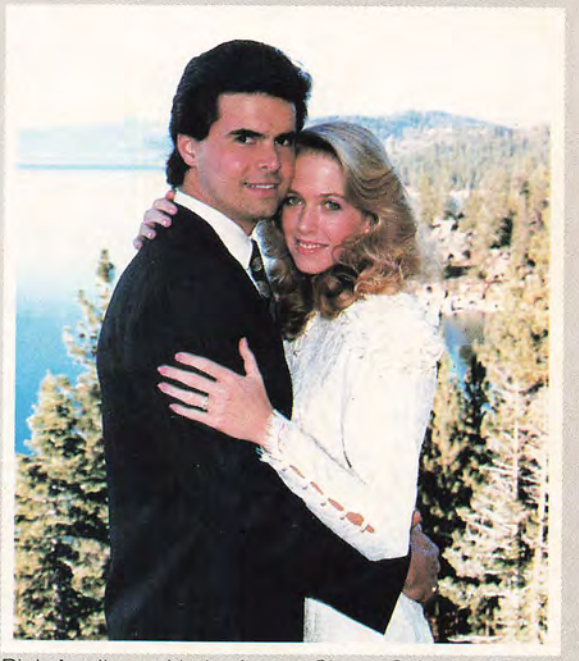
The New York Press Photographers Association presented pitcher Roger McDowell and Mets Special Assistant to the General Manager & Travel Director Arthur Richman with their "Good Guy Award" this past winter. McDowell and Richman are shown here with co-recipients of the award and the President of the Association. From left to right are: Front Row: Dave Jennings of the New York Jets, Roger McDowell, President Joe DeMaria, and Arthur Richman. Back Row: Jim Burt of the New York Giants and Wayne Tolleson of the New York Yankees.

Manager Davey Johnson enjoys a day of fishing during the off-season with friends.

Equipment Manager Charlie Samuels and the former Charlene Sorrentino on their wedding day, November 7, 1987.

Dwight Gooden develops his interest in aviation in St. Petersburg this winter.

Die-hard fan, Howard Johnson, is presented with an official Tampa Bay Buccaneers jersey by team owner Hugh Culverhouse before a game against the Detroit Lions in December.



Rick Aguilera with the former Sherry Snider on their wedding day this past winter. The couple was married in Lake Tahoe, Nevada on November 7, 1987.

Rick Aguilera, Howard Johnson, Roger McDowell, Lee Mazzilli, Ron Darling and host Gary Carter were among the participants in the Second Annual Gary Carter Sweet 'N Low Golf Classic for the benefit of the Leukemia Society of America, held in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida this past February.

THE TEAM BEHIND THE TEAM

Front Row: Chief Accountant Pasquale Albanese, Earlean Jackson; *Back Row:* Kelly Bishop, DSI Renovations Kathy Cannon and Modesto Villar, Angela Casturani, Mike Spinelli.

PROMOTIONS: Promotions Administrator James Plummer, Michele Marano.

Director of Marketing: Jim Ross.

Director of Public Relations: Jay Horwitz

Controller Bill Grundel (*left*), Dir. of Data Processing & Technical Serv. Russ Richardson (*right*).

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Special Services (*l or r*): Rita Miller, Tod Tillotson, Manager of Fan Relations Patti Sarano.

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Ticket Manager Billy Ianniciello, Director of Sales Randye Ringler.

Asst. Director of P. R. Maria Shewark (*seated*); Michele Tamola.

BASEBALL OPERATIONS: *Back Row* (*l to r*): Dir. of Scouting Roland Johnson, Dir. of Minor League Oper. Steve Schryver, Admin. Assis. Herman Lewis; *Front Row:* Lisa Werner, Maureen Cooke.

SALES: *Standing:* Pam Mulvey, Leah Feuerberg. *Seated:* Phil Bernstein, Jennifer Sitler.

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL: *Front Row:* Frances Urciuoli, Jane Choquette; *Back Row:* Jackie Pamlanye, Michele Kremberg.

TICKET OFFICE: *Standing:* Vio Mocuta, Nicolina Petrizzo, Ann Campanaro, Karen Tenreiro, Evelyn Liantonio. *Seated:* Nancy McLernon, Lisa Verde, Joe Millan, Camille Patti.

Laura Maier; Director of Broadcasting Mike Ryan.

Public Address Announcer: Pete Larkin.

Standing: Sharon Bieber, Eileen Palese, Therese Murphy. *Seated:* Dan DeMato, Season Ticket Manager Marie Melluso, John Giglio.

TICKET OFFICE: *Standing:* Crista Caruso, Debbie Roca, Toni Giordano, Rosa Williams. *Seated:* Angela Liantonio, Pat Bayer, Tim Capasso, Stu Campbell.

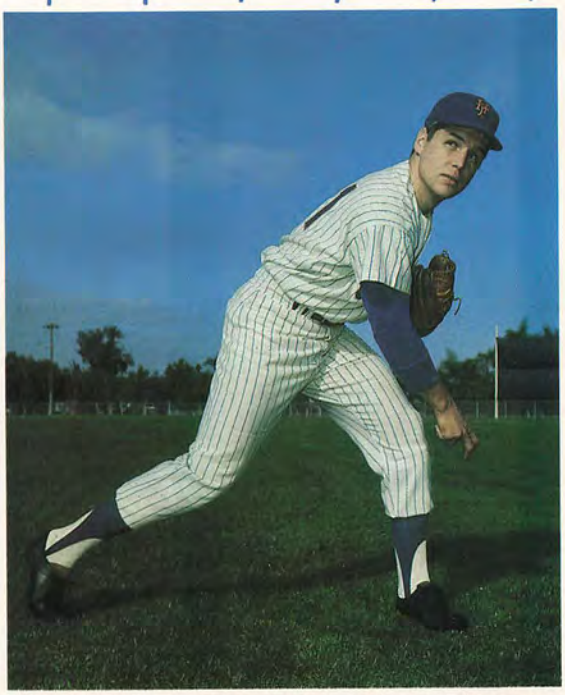
Seated: Stadium Manager John McCarthy, *Standing:* Head Groundskeeper Pete Flynn (l), Stadium Operations Willie Evans (r).

Executive Assistant to the General Manager: Jean Coen

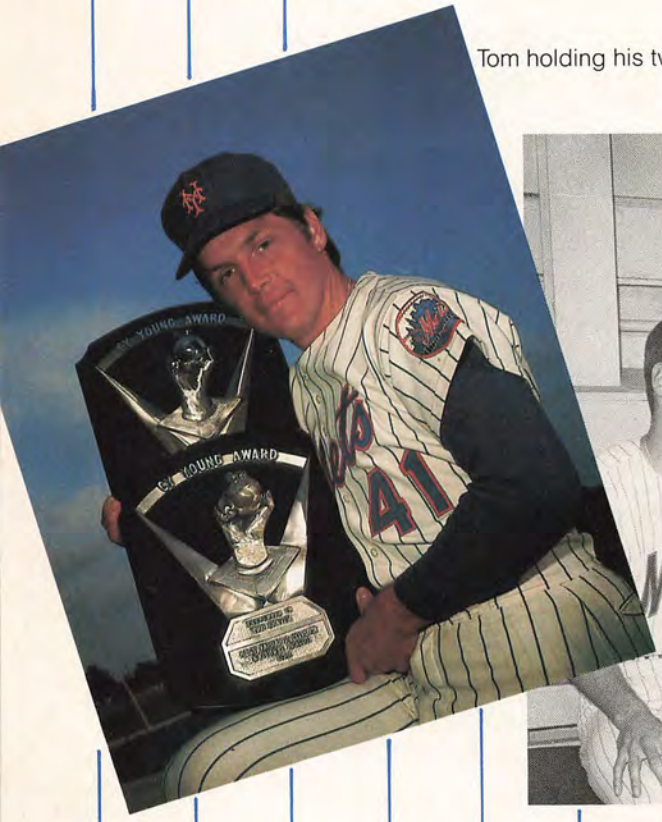
Head Switchboard Operator, Pat McLaughlin.
Switchboard: Ethel Weller.

TOM SEAVER DAY JULY 24, 1988

Tom Seaver



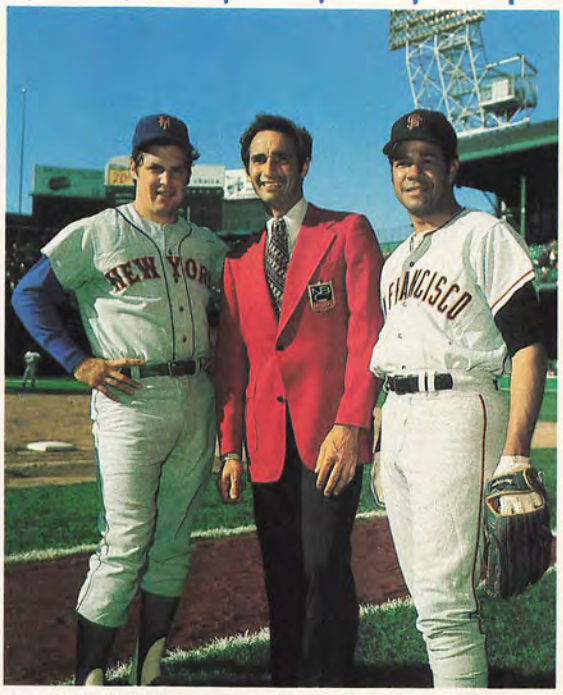
Tom shows his pitching form in spring training.



Tom holding his two Cy Young awards.

Commissioner Eckert shows Tom how he was literally picked out of a hat in a special drawing as Wes Westrum and Johnny Murphy look on.

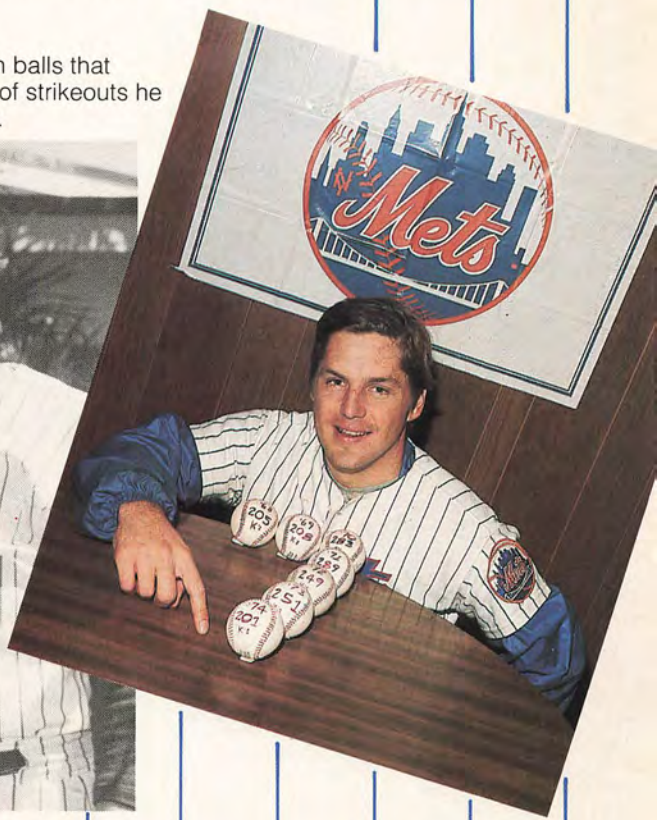
Shea Stadium scoreboard informs the crowd that Tom Seaver has struck out his 200th batter for the ninth consecutive year.



Tom with Hall of Famers Sandy Koufax and Juan Marichal.

One time teammates Yogi Berra and Tug McGraw with Tom.

Tom shows the seven balls that indicate the number of strikeouts he recorded since 1968.



THE 1988 NEW YORK METS

SITTING IN FRONT (*L to R*): Assistant Trainer Bob Sikes, Coaches: Sam Perlozzo, Greg Pavlick, Mel Stottlemyre, Bill Robinson, Buddy Harrelson, Head Trainer Steve Garland. SITTING, SECOND ROW (*L to R*): Bob Ojeda, Randy Myers, Ron Darling, Darryl Strawberry, Manager Davey Johnson, Rick Aguilera, Dave Magadan, Gene Walter, Dwight Gooden, Dave Cone. STANDING, THIRD ROW (*L to R*): Bullpen Catcher Rob Drommerhauser, Terry Leach, Lee Mazzilli, Sid Fernandez, Kevin Elster, Gary Carter, Keith Hernandez, Roger McDowell, Kevin McReynolds, Tim Teufel, Assistant to General Manager & Traveling Secretary Arthur Richman. STANDING, BACK ROW (*L to R*): Equipment Manager Charlie Samuels, Keith Miller, Len Dykstra, Jeff Innis, Barry Lyons, Mackey Sasser, Mookie Wilson, Howard Johnson, Wally Backman, Strength & Conditioning Coach Keith Cedro.

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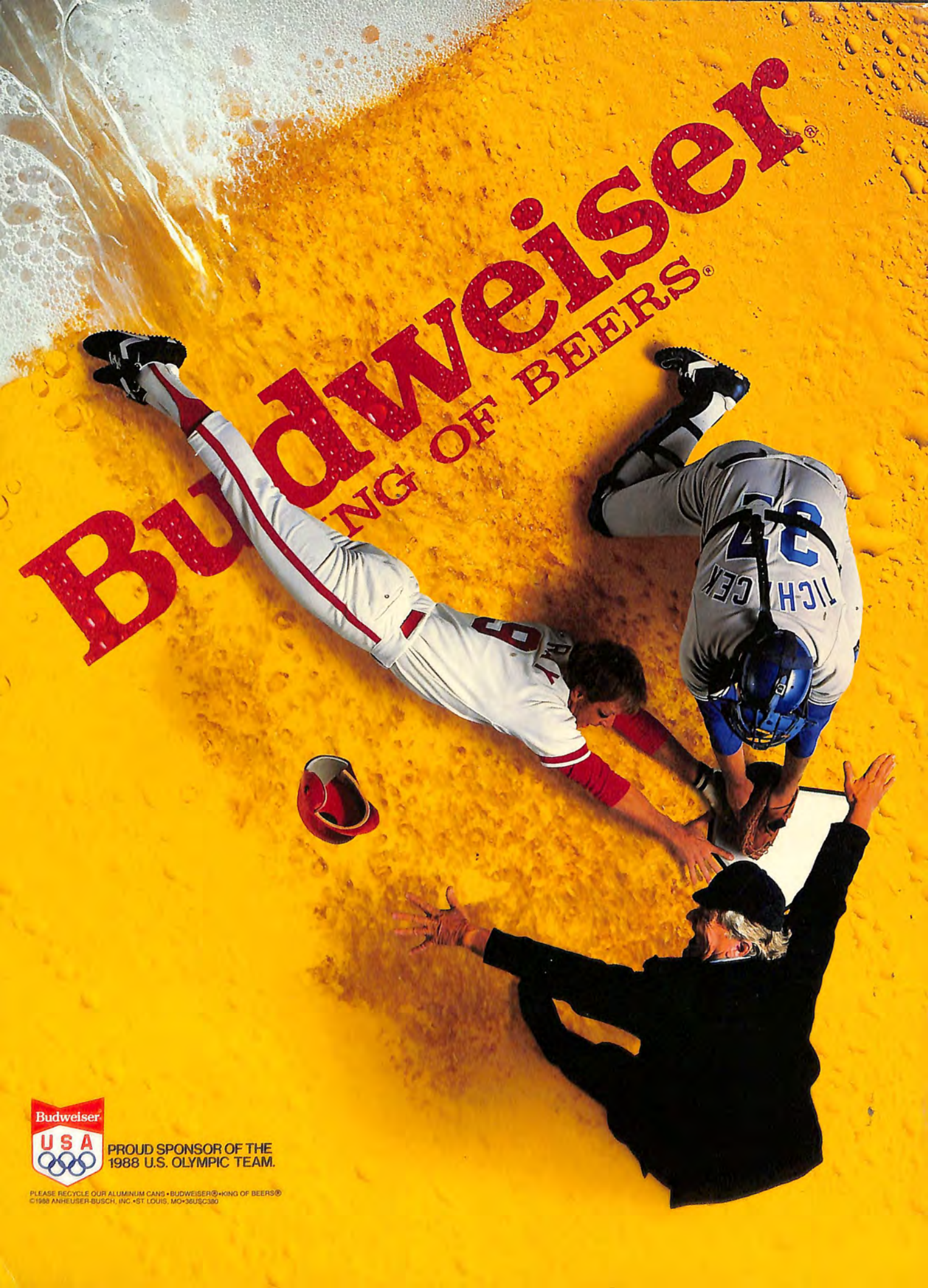
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